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### METHOD AUTHORSHIP.

The letters which appeared in our last issue go not only to prove that Double Fakenham Court Bob is not a new method, but also to show that there is no scope for authors of plain methods in these days. The fact that every possible Major method with a plain hunt has either been actually figured out or obtained in formula, should save those who enter freshly upon the very fascinating study of method construction from wasting their energies in search of something new. Casual discovery can, in future, bring no laurels to the aspiring author who restricts his investigations to this class of method; indeed there seems little opportunity for getting upon conventional lines anything new that is really worth ringing on eight bells. There are still a number of good methods in existence which have not yet been rung, and now that experts are constantly engaged in working out all possible systematic permutations upon a mathematical basis, the ringers who set out to compile a method by the laborious stages, by which composers of old carried out their task, are almost certain to find that theirs is a case of love's labour lost.

At present there are a good many enthusiasts who spend much of their leisure in delving into this very attractive phase of the art, and as the fruits of labour go to the first in the field, there may still be some rewards awaiting those who seek out the more complicated methods. But those who are devoting their time and talent to this form of composition—or ought we to say authorship?—are in a position of much uncertainty. They cannot know whether anyone else has a prior claim to what they have discovered, and it is high time something was done to put this matter on a better basis. We have constantly urged the setting up of a register of methods, as well as of compositions, by the Central Council; and until this is done ringers will continue to waste their energies and suffer disappointments in their endeavours to get new methods, simply because there is practically no means of ascertaining whether or not the figures which they have evolved have already been produced by someone else. A register of methods would be nothing like so stupendous a task as a register of peal compositions, and the Council might turn their attention to it at once. It may be urged that in time this task will be accomplished by the Methods Committee, but their rate of progress is inevitably slow, because their labours are devoted to exhausting the whole of the possible methods in the various classes. What is wanted at the moment, is that all existing methods should be filed with the Council, so that a man may ascertain at once whether or not his figures really belong to him or to an earlier author, and to secure to the legitimate composer the rights which are his.

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## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, August 12, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt.

JAMES E. GROVES ... ..	Treble	HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 7
FREDERICK DICKENS ... ..	2	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 8
EDGAR C. SHEPPARD ... ..	3	ERNEST MANSELL ... .. 9
ALBERT E. NORMAN ... ..	4	SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 10
ALBERT WALKER ... ..	5	JOHN NEAL ... .. 11
ALBERT T. SRIVENS ... ..	6	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT E. NORMAN.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5141 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

KEITH HART ... ..	Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 6
ALBERT D. STONE ... ..	2	HENRY PAGE ... .. 7
CHARLES W. CLARK ... ..	3	JOHN DEARLOVE ... .. 8
WALTER PERKINS ... ..	4	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 9
CHARLES PALMER ... ..	5	RICHARD STREDWICK ... Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

CHARLES W. CLARK ... ..	Treble	ALFRED W. GROVES ... .. 6
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... ..	2	RICHARD STREDWICK ... .. 7
EDWIN F. PIKE ... ..	3	JOHN DEARLOVE ... .. 8
ERNEST MORRIS ... ..	4	ALBERT D. STONE ... .. 9
WILLIAM ROGERS ... ..	5	KEITH HART ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 12, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

*WALTER HUGHES ... ..	Treble	JOHN WILKINSON ... .. 6
THOMAS HAMMOND ... ..	2	JAMES MARTIN ... .. 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... ..	3	*ARTHUR LINTOTT ... .. 8
*THOMAS C. LARKEY ... ..	4	†PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... .. 9
†THOMAS R. BUTLER ... ..	5	EDWARD CAUNCE ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON. Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor. ‡ First peal of Stedman Caters on tower bells.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 14, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... ..	Treble	WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... .. 6
WILLIAM JONES ... ..	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
*ARTHUR PRINCE ... ..	3	ARTHUR WATKIN ... .. 8
GEORGE R. JONES ... ..	4	JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 9
ALBERT J. HUGHES ... ..	5	JAMES H. RIDING ... .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

\* First peal of Royal. W. Saunders belongs to Coalbrookdale and A. Prince to Bath.

## STAFFORD.

## THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 16, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... Treble	ARTHUR PEAKE ... 6
ERNEST LONDON ... 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... 7
ERNEST KING ... 3	CHARLES H. PAGE ... 8
WILLIAM A. ALLMAN ... 4	WALTER N. ASHEY ... 9
ALFRED E. BACON ... 5	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

First peal of Royal by the Association and Mr. G. H. Page's 50th peal.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

## BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 2, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN T. RICKMAN ... Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE ... 5
ERNEST MORRIS ... 2	ALBERT D. STONE ... 6
CHARLES W. CLARK ... 3	JOHN DEARLOVE ... 7
WALTER PERKINS ... 4	KEITH HART ... Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PISTOW. Conducted by KEITH HART.

## HADDENDHAM, BUCKS.

## THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Monday, August 4, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. NORTON ... Treble	JEFFERY R. GAMMON ... 5
ROBERT W. GREEN ... 2	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... 6
CHARLES CHOERT ... 3	EDGAR C. RUSSELL ... 7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 4	JAMES BULLOCK ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by JAMES BULLOCK.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. G. H. Hawkins and E. H. Russell. The ringers would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Rev. G. Bruce Rhind for the use of the bells; also Mr. David Chapman for making the necessary arrangements.

## BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, August 7, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES E. PERKINS ... Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... 5
† HAROLD V. COOPER ... 2	EDWARD LLOYD ... 6
WILLIAM POTTER ... 3	JOHN LLOYD ... 7
† CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 4	* WILLIAM CHUTER ... Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\* First peal. † First peal of Stedman.

## LYMINGE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND EADBURGA,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 18 cwt.

ALBERT TANTON ... Treble	ALBERT CASTLE ... 5
GORDON WEBB ... 2	FRANK VERNEY ... 6
FRANK SLINGSBY ... 3	LOUIS HEAD ... 7
STEPHEN BAKER ... 4	ALEC WEBB ... 8

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

First peal on 8 bells by F. Slingsby. 3rd and 4th from Cheriton, 5th and 6th Elham, conductor Maidstone, rest local band.

## WORCESTER.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

* JOHN BAYLISS ... Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... 5
WILLIAM NIBLETT ... 2	WILLIAM LEWIS ... 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 3	JOHN J. JEFFERIES ... 7
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 4	CHARLES CAMM ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by J. J. JEFFERIES.

\* First peal of Surprise Major.

## WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr.

ARTHUR WEBBER ... Treble	BEN. S. THOMPSON ... 5
GEORGE T. PEGNALL ... 2	FREDK. J. HOWCHIN ... 6
THOMAS FAULKNER ... 3	GEORGE H. CROSS ... 7
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... 4	GEORGE MAYERS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

## ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.

On Saturday, August 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PATRICK AND ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

With 6—8 covering. Being seven 720's each called differently.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

BERT GRIMWOOD ... Treble	JAMES W. PAUL ... 5
WALTER G. PAUL ... 2	CHARLES D. TURNER ... 6
JAMES BROWN ... 3	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 7
WILLIAM PAUL ... 4	WILLIAM L. RICKWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by F. A. SALTER.

First peal and first attempt by all excepting the conductor, who was on holiday from Nottingham.

## BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 10, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S No. 1. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in F sharp

WALTER AYRE ... Treble	THOMAS S. MORTON ... 5
LEONARD RODMELL ... 2	HARRY RODMELL ... 6
WALTER GODDARD ... 3	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... 7
JOHN MCKEAG ... 4	ARTHUR E. WEST ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. T. S. Morton, who is shortly leaving for New Zealand.

## LIVERPOOL.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 11, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, GARSTON,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS HAMMOND ... Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 5
THOMAS C. LARKEY ... 2	EDWARD CAUNCE ... 6
WALTER HUGHES ... 3	THOMAS R. BUTLER ... 7
ARTHUR LINTOTT ... 4	WILLIAM BETLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS R. BUTLER.

Arranged for the conductor, who hails from Ellesmere, Shropshire. This is his first peal of Stedman Triples as conductor.

# THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

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CRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 11, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

ERNEST DUMPER... .. Treble	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. 5
JOHN W. FAITHFULL ... .. 2	CHARLES J. FRAY ... .. 6
RICHARD PAINE ... .. 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 7
WALTER G. ROWE ... .. 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Arranged for the ringer of the 5th, who thanks the members of the band for having kindly met him.

MORTIMER, BERKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 11, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*JOSEPH W. HIGGS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM FORD ... .. 5
*ALBERT HAMM ... .. 2	STANLEY C. DAVIS ... .. 6
ARTHUR T. LOVEJOY ... .. 3	GEORGE PARSONS ... .. 7
*FREDK. H. J. SNOOK ... .. 4	*FREDERICK HAMM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY C. DAVIS.

\* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. Holloway, the foreman of the tower.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.  
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 12, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF ANNABLE'S COMPOSITION.

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANKESTER ... .. Treble	WILLIAM E. JUDD ... .. 5
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 2	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... .. 6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 3	THOMAS NEWMAN ... .. 7
CECIL V. EBBERTSON ... .. 4	HARRY KILBY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

First peal in the method by the Association and by all the band.

MIDDLESBROUGH.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 12, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE WORTHY ... .. Treble	THOMAS METCALFE ... .. 5
CYRIL J. POLLARD ... .. 2	WILLIAM AINSWORTH ... .. 6
SIDNEY TUNNELL ... .. 3	THOMAS HENSHER ... .. 7
JOHN G. HALL ... .. 4	THOMAS LANCASTER ... .. Tenor

Composed by D. PRENTICE. Conducted by THOMAS LANCASTER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late John William Passman, one of the local ringers. \* First peal in the method and first attempt.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Tuesday, August 12, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

GEORGE R. JONES ... .. Treble	ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. 5
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 2	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... .. 6
JOHN W. DAVIES ... .. 3	ARTHUR WATKIN ... .. 7
*ARTHUR PRINCE ... .. 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

\* First peal in the method and belongs to Bath, Somerset.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Wednesday, August 13, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED J. TURNER ... .. Treble	ALFRED W. GROVES ... .. 5
WILLIAM ROGERS ... .. 2	GEORGE RADLEY ... .. 6
GEORGE POLLINGER ... .. 3	KEITH HART ... .. 7
MAURICE SMITH ... .. 4	WILLIAM STENNING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.  
On Wednesday, August 13, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in G.

*HERBERT G. PRATT ... .. Treble	THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... .. 5
ERNEST J. TRIMMER ... .. 2	DANIEL COOPER ... .. 6
FRANK E. DARBY ... .. 3	CHARLES H. CHAPMAN ... .. 7
JAMES E. COOPER ... .. 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

The conductor's 50th peal. \* First peal of Major.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Wednesday, August 13, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F.

*EDWARD WILSON ... .. Treble	ERNEST J. AYLIFFE ... .. 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 2	GEORGE GRANT ... .. 6
WALTER G. ROWE ... .. 3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... .. 7
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ... .. 4	CHARLES AYLIFFE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor. Ringers of 2, 3, 4 and 7 hail from North Stoneham, the rest belong to Bishopstoke.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.  
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, August 14, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

WALTER BARRETT ... .. Treble	CHARLES CUTTING ... .. 5
EDWIN GOATE ... .. 2	FREDERICK ROOPE ... .. 6
CHARLES BAKER ... .. 3	ERNEST WHITING ... .. 7
ALPHBUS BERRY ... .. 4	FREDERICK BORRETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by F. BORRETT.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Friday, August 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*PETER BOARDMAN ... .. Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 5
THOMAS C. LARKEY ... .. 2	THOMAS R. BUTLER ... .. 6
BENJAMIN TREVITT ... .. 3	EDWARD CAUNCE ... .. 7
ARTHUR LINTOTT ... .. 4	*SEPHTON LAWRENSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

\* First peal. Arranged for Mr. Butler and to enable two of the local company to score their first peal.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 16, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 16 cwt.

CLAUDE I. DAVIES ... .. Treble	THOMAS R. BUTLER ... .. 5
THOMAS C. LARKEY ... .. 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 6
THOMAS W. GILMOUR ... .. 3	EDWARD CAUNCE ... .. 7
THOMAS HAMMOND ... .. 4	ARTHUR LINTOTT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

The ringer of the 5th hails from Ellesmere, Shropshire.



LONGSTANTON, CAMBS.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 16, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

JOHN T. NEWINGTON... ..Treble	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... .. 5
CHARLES W. COOK ... .. 2	ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... .. 6
WILFRED C. IBBETT ... .. 3	T. REGINALD DENNIS... .. 7
HAROLD J. HAZELL ... .. 4	A. GEORGE RIVERS ... ..Tenor

Composed by DANIEL PRENTICE. Conducted by A. G. RIVERS.  
Mr. Rivers' first peal of Major as conductor for 20 years.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 16, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

*FRANK REYNOLDS ... ..Treble	*JOHN YATES ... .. 5
GEORGE POWNALL ... .. 2	JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW... .. 6
*WILLIAM GOULD ... .. 3	GEORGE PYE ... .. 7
*WILLIAM HAMPSON ... .. 4	JAMES ORME ... ..Tenor

Composed by FRED BANKS. Conducted by J. LEATHERBARROW.  
\*First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.  
Rung with the bells deeply muffled, as a token of respect to Arthur Withington, late of Culcheth Hall, who died on November 29th, 1923, and was interred at Helsby Parish Church on December 3rd.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 16, 1924, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... ..Treble	JOHN FLINT ... .. 5
WILLIAM LAMBERT ... .. 2	*A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... .. 6
BERNARD DITCHER ... .. 3	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... .. 7
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... .. 4	WALTER ALLWOOD ... ..Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.  
\*First peal in the method and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

DERBY.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 16, 1924, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

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

Heywood's No. 1.

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

ALBERT H. WARD ... ..Treble	ARTHUR BRAINES... .. 5
MAURICE SWINFELD ... .. 2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... .. 6
HENRY FLETCHER ... .. 3	JAMES PAGETT ... .. 7
JOHN S. SWINFELD ... .. 4	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... ..Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

First peal in the method on the bells, and rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Beryl Lillian Ward, the youngest daughter of the conductor; also as a birthday peal to Mr. E. C. Gobeys.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.  
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, August 16, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE R.C. CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

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

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

BERNARD W. WITCHELL ...Treble	EDWIN J. STRINGER ... .. 5
JAMES W. REYNOLDS, JUN. 2	BERTRAM G. LEEDHAM ... .. 6
SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 3	JAMES F. CLARKE ... .. 7
RICHARD C. INGRAM ... .. 4	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Witchell on the 37th anniversary of their wedding.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, August 16, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, ROTHERHITHE, S.E.

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ...Treble	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 5
CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. 2	FRANCIS W. CHAPMAN ... .. 6
ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... .. 3	CHARLES H. CHAPMAN ... .. 7
ERNEST J. TRIMMER ... .. 4	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD Tenor

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

NORTH MIMMS, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 16, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES**

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM NASH ... ..Treble	ALBERT W. COLES ... .. 5
*HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... .. 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE... .. 3	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 7
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... ..Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE  
\*First peal in the method.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 16, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... ..Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY... .. 5
ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. 2	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... .. 6
FRANK W. PERRENS ... .. 3	ARTHUR WATKIN... .. 7
ARTHUR PRINCE ... .. 4	JAMES H. RIDING... ..Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ARTHUR SPERRING.  
Mr. F. W. Perrens belongs to Coventry.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

ELDERSFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 4, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent  
Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN BAYLISS ... ..Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 4
ROBERT G. KNOWLES... .. 2	ERNEST GIBBS ... .. 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT... .. 3	CHARLES CAMM ... ..Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

First peal in seven methods rung upon the bells.

HUISH CHAMPFLOWER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Four 720's of Kent and three of Oxford, each called differently.

Tenor 11 cwt. 8 lb.

ALBERT TOUT ... ..Treble	WILLIAM COLES ... .. 4
*SYDNEY WYATT, JUN. ... .. 2	ARTHUR W. HAYWARD ... .. 5
ALFRED J. WYATT ... .. 3	S. GEORGE COLES ... ..Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED J. WYATT.

\*First peal. First peal in the methods by all. First peal of Minor on the bells. Ringer of treble from Milverton, the others from Wilton, Taunton. First peal as conductor.

BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE STOKE-ON-TRENT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Duke of York, Violet, Woodbine, Kent and two of Oxford. Tenor 11 cwt.

*STANLEY C. RYLES ... .. Treble	WILLIAM WHEELDON... .. 4
JOHN E. WHEELDON... .. 2	ARTHUR W. HALL ... .. 5
HENRY CARNWELL ... .. 3	JAMES WALLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WHEELDON.

\* First peal. The peal was rung, by representatives of the rural towers in the ecclesiastical area of Stoke-on-Trent, in honour of the Rev. H. V. Stuart (Rector of Stoke) becoming the Dean of Carlisle. Messrs. S. C. Ryles, J. Wallely and J. E. Wheelton hail from Morton-le-Moors, W. Wheelton from Bucknall, H. Carnwell from Kingsley and A. W. Hall from Cheadle.

HALSE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 10, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

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

Tenor about 12½ cwt.

*JAMES SWEETLAND ... .. Treble	GILBERT JONES ... .. 4
FRED POLE ... .. 2	ALBERT TOUT ... .. 5
*ARTHUR GREEDY ... .. 3	WILLIAM COMINS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. TOUT.

\* First peal.

DALLINGTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 10, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

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

Being 42 six-scores with 10 different callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*ALBERT CARLEY ... .. Treble	†JAMES WINCHESTER... .. 4
†WILLIAM S. DALE ... .. 2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... .. 5
*THOMAS W. PANKHURST ... .. 3	GEORGE PONT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on inside bells and first attempt. Mr. Edwards hails from Robertsbridge, the rest from Brightling.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, August 12, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

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

Being 720 each of College Single, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER J. BRETHERTON... Treble	JOHN DASS ... .. 4
*HAROLD V. COOPER ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. COOPER... .. 5
ROBERT MATTHEWS... .. 3	JOHN LLOYD... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\* First peal in seven methods.

BURSLAM, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 14, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Duke of York, Violet, Woodbine, Kent, and two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob.

*HAROLD WHITFIELD... .. Treble	JOHN E. WHEELDON ... .. 4
*ERNEST GATER ... .. 2	THOMAS HURD ... .. 5
FRANK TRINER ... .. 3	THOMAS HILDITCH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

\* First peal.

BURTON-UPON-STATHER, LINGS.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, August 14, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

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

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... Treble	HAROLD EASTOR ... .. 4
JACK BRAY ... .. 2	*GEORGE HOBBS ... .. 5
*ARTHUR TOMLINSON... .. 3	WALTER AYRE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal of Minor and first attempt.

MORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY CROSS.

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

Being seven 720's called differently.

C. THOMPSON ... .. Treble	A. SHARMAN... .. 4
E. MALLINDER ... .. 2	F. W. KNOWLES, JUN. ... .. 5
F. SWAIN ... .. 3	W. SWAIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. SWAIN.

First peal by all and first on the bells. Rung at the second attempt.

MARTLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 16, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

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

REV. E. BANKES JAMES' ARRANGEMENT. Tenor 14 cwt.

*WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... Treble	JOHN J. JEFFERIES ... .. 4
*ALFRED ROWLEY ... .. 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT... .. 5
WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 3	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY P. HOLT.

\* First peal of Surprise Minor; also first peal of Surprise on the bells. Specially arranged for Mr. A. Rowley to enable him to ring his 100th peal on the bells of his native parish.

VENTNOR, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thursday, August 14th, 1924, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,  
AT SOUTHCLIFF.

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

E. G. BENSON (ST. CAT.) 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON (QUEENS') 3-6
E. M. ATKINS (ST. CAT.) 3-4	*J. BUTLER (FITZW. HALL) 7-8

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

\* First peal in the method 'in hand.'

THE NAMING OF METHODS.

A SUGGESTION FOR THE COMMITTEE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—There has lately been a discussion in 'The Ringing World' about the naming of methods. I want to put forward a suggestion which I hope the committee will seriously consider.

I wonder how many of us realise that bellringing is the one popular mediæval church ceremony that has survived to us without any break at all. It is true that in the 17th century Puritans raved against it as being one of the deadly sins, but, as all of us know who have had any experience in the ringing chamber, bellringers are not easily broken of their habits, so that when all the popular plays, processions, holidays, music and ceremony were stopped, the ringers, safely out of the way in their bellries, continued to ring and steadily to improve their art.

Now had they, in the Middle Ages, reached the stage of method ringing, the ringers would, as a matter of course, have named their methods after the Christian saints. My suggestion is that we should recognise that we are practising a mediæval Christian art, and do as they would in naming our methods in future after the saints. Is not there a mediæval jocularly about such a name as St. Peter's Surprise or St. Catharine's Delight, most suitable for our 'merry bells'?

GEOFFREY BENSON.

Berkhamstead.

**RINGING IN BOSTON, U.S.A.****VISIT OF MR. CHARLES WILLSHIRE.**

Mr. Charles Willshire, of Montreal, and formerly of Guildford, Surrey, writes:—

Having decided to take a short vacation in New York, I thought I would return via Boston, and I therefore wrote to Mr. R. Newton, asking him if he could arrange some ringing for me on Sunday, August 3rd. He replied almost by return, saying how pleased he would be to see me, and that he had arranged some ringing for me at the Perkin's Institute for the Blind on Sunday afternoon and also in the evening for service at the Church of the Advent. On arriving at the first-mentioned place, I was given a hearty welcome by all, including Mr. and Mrs. Newton and Mrs. Shurtleff. The bells were soon going, and a touch of 168 Grandsire Triples was rung by the following: Anthony R. Price treble, Charles Willshire, sen., 2, Mrs. Shurtleff 3, Philip J. Allfrey 4, William Bashford 5, James F. Laker 6, Richard Newton (conductor) 7, Joseph Goodhead tenor. Afterwards we attempted a 700 of Kent Treble Bob Major, but it was unfortunately lost after ringing 600 changes.

Time being up, the bells were lowered, and, by the kind invitation of Mrs. Shurtleff, we all adjourned for tea, after which the handbells were brought out, but by the time a course had been rung, we had to go to the church, where a touch of 572 Grandsire Triples was rung by: Richard Newton treble, Philip J. Allfrey 2, Charles Willshire, sen. (conductor), 3, Mrs. Shurtleff 4, William Bashford 5, James F. Laker 6, Anthony R. Price 7, Joseph Goodhead tenor. The striking, on the whole, was very good.

After ringing and a chat about the old country, I had to take my leave, owing to a previous arrangement to meet a travelling companion, but not until I had promised Mr. and Mrs. Newton to visit them on the following evening. Accordingly I met him as he was leaving business, and enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Newton, after which the former took us for a trip in his motor-car, visiting Ingham, where there is a peal of bells in a campanile entirely separated from the church, but we were unable to get in to see them. We then proceeded through beautiful scenery over the Blue Mountains, and returned to Boston after a ride of 35 miles. After an hour spent with them we had to say 'Good-bye,' and thus ended one of the most pleasant days I had spent for a long time. I wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank all those who met me, and especially Mrs. Shurtleff and Mr. and Mrs. Newton for making my visit such a pleasant one.

**AUTHORSHIP OF METHODS.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Mr. Keeble says that Mr. G. Lindoff is the author of the method given in your issue of August 8th. Now I should be the last man to belittle Mr. Lindoff's work as a composer, but to say that anybody is the 'author' of that method is, to one who knows anything about the matter, simply ridiculous. Further, even according to popular standards, the method is not Mr. Lindoff's. It was published in the 'Bell News' as far back as 1899.—Yours truly,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

**A FALSE PEAL.**

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—Peal No. 2,832 in the Yorkshire Association Report for 1922-23, 5056 Plain Bob Major, composed by the late Mr. Sam Thomas, and rung at Rawmarsh on Saturday, January 13th, 1923, is false, the fifth lead in the first course, repeating as the fourth lead in the fourth course.—Yours faithfully,

W. BARTON,

Peal Secretary, Y.A.C.R.

**5040 ORIGINAL TRIPLES.**

BY ERNEST MORRIS (LEICESTER).

123456	3	4	5	6
465312	—	—	—	—
425613	—	—	—	—
435216	—	—	—	—
261543	—	—	—	—
231645	—	—	—	—
251346	—	—	—	—
364125	—	—	—	—
354621	—	—	—	—
314526	—	—	—	—
561234	—	x	—	—
541632	—	—	—	—
521436	—	—	—	—
462153	—	s	—	—
432651	—	—	—	—
412356	—	—	—	—

Repeat 23 times, omitting the s at 4 in all except the 13th part; and adding a Bob at the same place in the 2nd, 5th, 8th, 10th, 14th, 17th, 20th and 22nd parts.

Has the 7th undisturbed throughout; the 6th alternately in 2nd, 4th and 6th's place at course ends; while the 5th follows the same sequence in every part.

**EMPIRE PAGEANT AT WEMBLEY.**

**July 21st to August 30th.**

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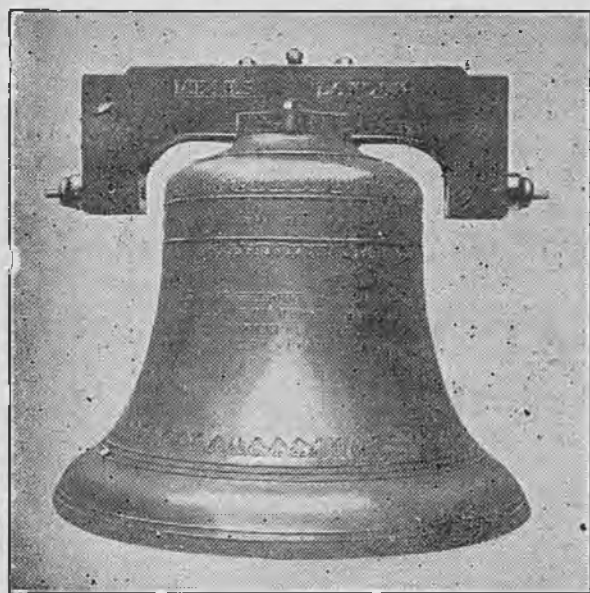
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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The meeting of the Northern Division of the Hertford County Association, arranged for Barley to-morrow, has been postponed.

The Annual Report of the Hertford County Association has just been circulated. The membership for the current year consists of 392 attached to 48 bands, 19 unattached, 86 non-resident life, 40 non-resident ordinary and 49 honorary, a total of 586.

Details of the peals rung in the two years 1922 and 1923 appear in this year's Report of the Chester Diocesan Guild, which has just been issued. The report of the committee will be found on another page.

An interesting feature of the list of Norfolk Guild peals in our last issue was the fact that peals of Oxford Treble Bob Major far outnumber those in the Kent variation. We wonder whether any other association can claim to have rung more peals of Oxford Major than of Kent!

A correspondent would like to know who 'blowed the organ' at Denham?

American visitors at the London hotels are complaining of the shortage of salmon and green peas, since the recent feast of the ringing 'cannibals' at Lydney.

There is a talk of three peals of Stedman Cinques in 24 hours at Quex Park in the near future.

Readers are invited to give their answers to: (1) Why does the clapper fly? (2) When is a bell hung? (3) Is the sound bow inside or out?

The peal of Grandsire Doubles rung at Huish Champflower on July 6th was erroneously reported as being rung for the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

The old peal of six bells at the ancient church of Whalley have been recast and augmented by the addition of a new treble and tenor (22 cwt.) by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The dedication service will take place to-day (Friday) at 1.30 p.m. It is expected that a branch meeting of the Lancashire Association will be held at Whalley shortly.

Next Tuesday is the anniversary of the first peal of Grandsire Triples, which was rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on August 28th, 1718. It was composed by John Garthorn, 'who, with long Study and Practice, have perfectly discovered those Intricate methods which were hidden from the eyes of all the ringers in England.'

A peal of 5040 Bob Major St. George was rung at St. George's Church, Southwark, on August 27th, 1750, conducted by Benjamin Anable.

Wednesday is the 110th anniversary of the 12,320 Treble Bob rung at Otley on August 27th, 1814. This was rung in 7 hrs. 15 mins.

Matt. Wood, of Bethnal Green, died on August 27th, 1912, at the age of 87 years.

Mr. E. King, of 6, Slaney Street, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffs, would like to get into touch with other ringers of the surname King, with a view to ringing a King's peal at one of the many King's towns or villages.

## 'A REMARKABLE MAN OF LITCHURCH, DERBY.'

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—The account of the first peal of Caters at Litchurch, Derby, in your last issue, brought to my mind the following verses I have had by me for some years, and which bear the above title. Who this 'remarkable man' was I have no idea, but perhaps our Derby friends can tell us.—Yours truly,

ERNEST MORRIS.

Leicester.

A wonderful man at Litchurch dwells,  
Who is very fond of ringing bells;  
If you would like to know his name,  
A Trent-side village bears the same.

At eight o'clock on Sunday morn,  
When men are sleepy, tired and worn;  
A thrilling sound runs through the brain,  
Telling the old man's at work again.

With jacket off, and rope in hand,  
Under the bell he takes his stand;  
To have a pull just at his ease,  
With no one but himself to please.

And when he's done, off home he goes,  
Thinking nought of friends or foes;  
He finds the breakfast table set,  
And does his duty, you may bet.

LLANDAFF. — At the Cathedral on Wednesday, August 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes, composed by Cornelius Charge) was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Buckley, wife of the Venerable Archdeacon J. R. Buckley, Vicar of Llandaff: R. Bailey 1, F. J. Bailey 2, C. O. Hobbs 3, G. Large 4, S. Dawe 5, L. Wright 6, J. W. Jones 7, E. Coombes 8, W. Bolton (conductor) 9, E. Coles 10.



**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.****ANNUAL FESTIVAL AT MACCLESFIELD.****PRESENTATION TO THE REV. A. T. BEESTON.**

The Chester Diocesan Guild held its annual meeting at Macclesfield on August Bank Holiday, when over seventy members were present for the business meeting, and more joined the company during the afternoon. The proceedings commenced with a service in the Parish Church at 10.50 a.m., conducted by the Vicar (Rev. H. E. Stevens), at which Canon H. J. Elsee (President of the Lancashire Association) preached the sermon.

At the business meeting afterwards the Master presented the Rev. A. T. Beeston, secretary of the Guild from 1907-1923, with an easy chair, that may, perhaps, best be described as 'commodiously soporific,' and, in lieu of the traditional 'purse of gold,' a cheque for £20. To this gift nearly every member of the Guild had subscribed, and the chair bears on a silver plate the inscription: 'Presented to Rev. A. T. Beeston, honorary secretary of the Chester Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers from 1907-1923, by the members of the Guild. Macclesfield. 4th August, 1924.'

The Rev. A. T. Beeston, in acknowledging the gift, said that he regarded it to some extent as a judgment passed on him. Evidently his service to the Guild had been satisfactory. He had seen it grow from very small beginnings, and the present members of the Guild must go on trying to improve it.—Mr. J. P. Fidler also spoke, and gave those present the slogan, 'Copy Mr. Beeston.' He felt they could not do better.

The Master (Mr. H. Fairclough), the treasurer (Rev. A. T. Beeston), the secretary (Mr. E. W. Elwell) and the auditors (Messrs. H. and W. Jackson) were all re-elected for the ensuing year.

It was decided that, with a view to economy, in future the composition of peals rung should not be included in the report.

A long discussion took place on the advisability of holding the annual meeting in future on Easter Monday. It was pointed out that in some parts of the diocese August Bank Holiday is not a recognised industrial holiday. On the other hand, there were felt to be practical difficulties in getting the annual report ready for the earlier date. It was eventually decided to make the change, and, after 1924, the Guild's year will end at Michaelmas to make this possible.

After the meeting those present had an excellent lunch at the Victory Cafe in Well Street, and then adjourned for united practice in the art at the various towers.

The Vicar of Macclesfield entertained the ringers to tea at the Vicarage, and so made a delightful close to a very good meeting.

In the annual report it was stated: The year has been one of difficulty from a monetary point of view. It cannot be too clearly understood by members of the Guild that, under our present system of working, by which subscriptions are paid at various times throughout the year, the Guild income does not come into the hands of our treasurer from the branch secretaries till the beginning of the year following. It is therefore necessary that we should carry forward at the end of the year a large cash balance to meet current expenses, until revenue again flows in at the end of the period. The balance is, then, more apparent than real. At the end of 1922 we had £17 7s. 5d. in hand, out of which had to be paid all expenses till the 1923 subscriptions were paid in at the end of the year. That is why, with £17 in hand, the committee found themselves unable to print a report costing £40, without drawing on their capital, a step which they did not feel justified in taking. By careful economy, however, the balance was increased to £45 13s. 7d. by the end of the year, and this allows us more latitude in the future. The committee met early in February, 1924, to consider what additional steps they could take to improve our financial position. An appeal was sent out to Parochial Church Councils asking them to vote us half a guinea each, and this appeal has already met with a certain amount of success. The effect, however, will not be felt till next year, as we are unable to bring the results into the 1923 account.

For the third year in succession we have had to face a declining membership, but there are now signs that this contraction is slowing up, and the branch secretaries, who are alive to the position, are beginning to make headway. The most hopeful sign is that, while last year subscriptions in arrears numbered 117, this year they are only 78. Six towers have lapsed, but two others have come into union.

The number of our members is: Honorary life members 5, honorary members 58, ringing and probationary members 587, non-resident life members 169, total 819. Towers in union 75, out of union 26.

Last year we were congratulating ourselves on a record in peal ringing, and the progress that was so marked then has continued at an equal rate during the year under review, no less than 80 peals having been rung by 127 members of the Guild, among whom are the large number of twenty first pealers. Six members have conducted their first peals and 57 have rung their first peals in new methods. Mr. G. R. Jones has rung in 35 peals, while of the 32 that Mr. R. Sperring has taken part in he has conducted 22. The Guild has also established two records during the year. The record length of 17,280 Treble Bob was rung at Over on July 21st, in ten

hours, and the Norbury band have succeeded in ringing spliced peals in 29, 30 and 35 methods.

The committee have decided to print the report again this year in its old form, and to include in it the peals rung in 1922. While the financial position still remained acute, it is felt that the absence of our report last year has caused us to lose a certain amount of ground, which it is very desirable should be retrieved as soon as possible. On many occasions this year again the Master has been present at branch meetings and has very much encouraged us. Mr. Beeston visited some of the branches in the spring, and the new secretary has tried during the latter part of the year to get to know some of the members of the Guild. The branch secretaries and other officials have again worked willingly for their branches' good, and our best thanks are due to them. The only other important matter is that the Guild offers its hearty congratulations to the Rev. A. T. Beeston, and wishes him very many years of happy married life.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

The summer meeting was held at Barnard Castle on Saturday, August 9th. The bells of the Parish Church were kept going in various methods during the afternoon and evening, while ringing also took place at Staindrop Parish Church in the morning and at Cotherstone Church in the evening. At the latter place only a plain course of Bob Minor was brought round on account of the shocking condition of the bells. One of the locals kindly suggested that the visitors should ring the changes written on the blackboard: 'lead off the tenor and change to the next row of figures when the conductor stamps on the floor' were his instructions. This method was too intricate, so the ringers didn't follow his advice.

Tea was served at the Royal Restaurant, where 26 sat down, Mr. Todd (the President) presiding, supported by the general secretary, one vice-president and three district secretaries.

The Tanfield branch arrived in style with 'Tin Elizabeth,' by whose aid the journey from Barnard Castle to Cotherstone and back was made.

The following towers were represented: Darlington, St. John's and Holy Trinity; Shildon, Bishop Auckland, Sunderland, St. Ignatius, Tanfield, Newcastle Cathedral, St. George's, Jesmond, Staindrop and the local band. The last train saw those away who were not motor-ing.

The next meeting will be held at Wylam on September 20th.

E. F.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****SOUTHERN DIVISION MEETING.**

The quarterly meeting of the Southern Division was held at Conisborough on Saturday, August 16th, when a fairly good number of members were present, the towers represented being Doncaster, Ecclesfield, Wath, Rawmarsh, Tickhill, St. Marys, All Saints and the Cathedral, Sheffield; Rotherham, Wortley, Arksey, Killamarsh, Norton, Horbury and Pontefract. Upwards of 30 sat down to an excellent tea, provided by the local company in the Church School.

The business meeting followed, the chair being taken by the Vicar of Conisborough (the Rev. W. A. Strawbridge), who gave the association a very hearty welcome to his church.

Mr. F. Wilby (vice-president) moved that a letter of condolence be sent to the relatives of the late Mr. S. Thomas, of Sheffield, and this was carried by those present standing in silence.

Two new members were elected, viz., N. Fisher, of Dore, and C. Timpon, of Tickhill.

Subject to the bells at Rotherham Parish Church being ready, it was decided to hold the next meeting there, failing which Eastwood was selected, the meeting to be held on December 20th.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and the school and to the local company for the excellent tea and arrangements were carried, and replied to by the Vicar.

Some very good ringing took place, the methods being Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Little Bob and Original Major.

**THE PEAL AT STAFFORD.**

The band wish to tender their thanks to the authorities for the use of this splendid peal of bells, and wish to place on record their appreciation of the kindly welcome accorded them by the curate, the bright and well ordered state of the fine ringing chamber, and the splendid 'go' of the bells, and, after the peal, the hearty invitation to 'come again.'

It was the first peal on ten bells by the treble ringer, of Royal by the 2nd ringer, the first time the 3rd ringer had rung on ten bells, the first peal on ten by the 4th ringer and the 5th ringer, the first of Kent Royal by the 7th ringer, the 50th peal by the 8th ringer, the first peal on ten bells by the 9th ringer, and the first peal of Royal by the Stoke Archidiaconal Association. Is it the first peal of Royal on the bells, also?

**A DATE TOUCH**

At Stroud, Glos. for evening service at the Parish Church, on Sunday, August 17th, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1924 changes) was rung in 1 hr. 10 mins. by: T. Prichard 1, B. Latham 2, H. Scrivens 3, T. Wits 4, A. Wright (composer and conductor) 5, L. Barry 6, G. Orchard 7, E. Paul 8.

## THE WASHBROOK MEMORIAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—As the memorial to the late J. W. Washbrook is a matter of national interest to ringers, it is well that the questions arising in connection with it should be fully discussed.

At the annual meeting of the Oxford Guild it was decided that a memorial should be erected in Oxford, and the further suggestion that it take the form of two bells to augment a ring of six to eight met with general approval.

It will be agreed on all hands that such a memorial will be of a most suitable character, and it will naturally be accompanied by some sort of inscriptive tablet recording its object.

The next question that presents itself is, in which tower the two new bells should be placed. Three were named at the Oxford Guild meeting, St. Ebbe's, Carfax and St. Giles'. The proposal showing real vision was that made by Mr. Trollope. An inscription placed on an outer wall at Carfax Corner recording the augmentation of the bells to eight in memory of Mr. Washbrook would hold an unrivalled position as a witness to posterity of his great work in the cause of change ringing. On the other hand, an obvious objection is that Carfax bells are, to the best of my belief, municipal property, and used only on civic occasions. They are not to be heard week by week in the ordinary course of Sunday ringing, nor is any regular practice held at that tower. There is indeed no reason why the tower should not be open for practice once or twice a week, as is the case with Manchester Town Hall, but the ringers would always be at the mercy of the civic authorities, and a few unfriendly rate-payers might at any time make trouble. Another argument against Carfax is, that it is preferable to place the bells in a church tower, where their presence will tend to the maintenance of an efficient band of ringers to serve the church.

For the immediate requirements of change-ringing in Oxford it is probable that the addition of two trebles at St. Ebbe's would be of the greatest practical utility. This church is at the moment the principal centre of change-ringing, and, as Mr. Hibbert aptly pointed out, the ringers there are in the happy position of being able to ring when they like. But the question must be asked, 'How far would the augmentation of St. Ebbe's bells fulfil the main purpose, namely, that of a perpetual memorial to the late Mr. Washbrook?' It must be admitted that, so far as the public at large are concerned, it would be entirely ineffective. Only the congregation of this quaint little church and ringers visiting the belfry would know anything about the memorial. Even an inscription on the outside of St. Ebbe's tower would be seen by comparatively few people. Nor would the audible witness of the bells at all adequately serve the purpose in view. Shut in by buildings on every side, the diminutive bells at St. Ebbe's are heard but a very short distance, and their sound naturally fails to convey anything of that sense of grandeur and dignity, which should characterise a worthy memorial to so great a man.

Whether my memory served me right or not, when I expressed my belief that St. Giles' tower contained the pits ready for two more bells, it certainly does carry six massive bells, which, by the addition of two trebles, are capable of being made into a sonorous ring of eight, which would be well heard all over Oxford, and would constitute a fine, dignified memorial to the greatest ringer of his day. In raising the objection that owing to their position bells placed in this tower would be little used, Mr. Hibbert gently hinted that 'the Rev. Llewellyn Edwards had forgotten his Oxford.' Although, like the President of the Central Council, I find my undergraduate days receding into the background, I venture the assertion that in this instance my memory of Oxford is more accurate than Mr. Hibbert's own.

In those days St. Giles' was the only church in Oxford in which the bells were regularly rung three times every Sunday, besides a practice on Wednesday evening, and one never heard of any complaint being raised at the Radcliffe Infirmary. Further, in the printed rules hanging on the belfry wall it was stated, that in addition to the appointed hours of ringing the bells might 'also be rung on the festivals of the church and their eves.' Thus it was open to the ringers to hold an additional practice on the eve of any saint's day, if they so wished, and to ring on Holy Days as well as Sundays. Indeed, few bands of ringers would expect or desire more facilities for ringing than those prevailing at St. Giles'. And if a more active use of the bells than of late did evoke any complaints from the infirmary or elsewhere, the simple expedient of shutters, such as those in use at Clifton and Caversham, would effectually obviate the difficulty. In fact, the tone of the bells would be improved, from the standpoint of the listener outside, by some such modification of the outlet for sound, while one of the best ways to disarm hostility would be to give the assurance that after the augmentation of the bells to an octave their sound would be less heard than before.

'Some letter,' Mr. Editor, but I submit that the points of view thus fully, and, I trust, fairly set forth are worthy of consideration by the Exercise at large.—Yours truly,

F. LI. EDWARDS.

## THE MUSINGS OF 'CRITICUS.'

HOLIDAY DREAMS.

This is the month when folk are mostly in a holiday mood. They may not always be lucky enough to have a holiday, but the holiday feeling is there right enough. I happen to be fortunate enough to be one of those able to steal away for a few days 'far from the madding crowd,' and when one finds oneself on a sandy shore with little but cliffs and placid sea to look at, one cannot help becoming contemplative. In these circumstances it is natural that a ringer's thoughts should turn to matters campanological, and in my day dreams I have successfully worked out a scheme for reforming all things relating to ringing that are in need of reformation. There are a score of things which I would do, such as excluding from the records all bad peals—although a friend of mine, who is not too particular about striking, sometimes tells me that there are no bad peals, only that some are better than others. Then, I would make the Central Council award peal points, not for method, but for merit. I know that in my scheme of things this would involve the appointment of official umpires for all peals, and it may have its difficulties, but little questions like that the Analysis Committee may well be left to work out for themselves. Another thing that needs looking into is the possibility of gingering up some of our associations. This may mean putting dynamite under most of the members, which is more than a one man job, but I could mention one or two societies who really need it badly. But I need go no further. When one wakes, and sits up and faces facts, one realises the futility of trying to attempt anything in the nature of reformation in ringing. We are a queer old lot we ringers, and one doubts if even an earthquake would quicken our pace or change our methods (by methods I do not mean the things we ring, but the things we do).

After all, is not ringing, for the most part, a 'holiday' job, except perhaps for those who set out to ring anything from fourteen to twenty peals in a week? Englishmen, it is said, take their pleasures sadly, and ringers generally, to my way of thinking, take their peal ringing too seriously. I sometimes wonder, what do mere peals matter; isn't it—apart from our Sunday duties—the social side of our ringing which leaves the most lasting impressions? I retain the pleasantest memories of many a little 'do,' in which I have shared, when we have been out for a peal, but whether our ringing on those occasions was successful or not, I have not now the slightest recollection. The memory of the happy social intercourse remains, the ringing, good bad or indifferent, has faded. But there are some men I know who, making peal ringing more or less a 'business,' live a life full of regrets for the peals they have lost! Ah no! They lose the best in ringing when they do this.

The interesting historical contribution published a fortnight ago in 'The Ringing World' is another reminder that among the things we lack as an Exercise is a real historical record. Scraps from the story of the past are to be found in all sorts of places, but nothing has ever been done to bring these things together in one collective whole. There is a fine chance here for some enthusiast, and the longer the job is left the harder will be the task. I believe it was the Literature Committee of the Central Council that was to have done a lot in this direction—at any rate much was expected of it; but this part of its work—the *raison d'être* of its inception—fizzled out miserably after several years' ineffectual endeavour to ascertain what, exactly, the principal member of the committee had done. Now, the committee seems to have changed its functions, and we hear nothing of the bibliography, or whatever it was, that was being undertaken. But that is no reason why a fresh effort should not be made to collect and collate the historical records of the Exercise, so that something like an authentic account of the ringers of the past, and their performances, may be made available for future generations. The way in which old records have, from time to time, disappeared, is a warning. As the years go by others may similarly be lost, and every endeavour should be made to prevent this. A work of this kind would be a big undertaking, but it would be well worth while. I should like to see the Central Council take this in hand straight away, and, if necessary, appoint some salaried person to do it—it is almost too much to expect such a labour to be undertaken voluntarily.

Up to the present all the Council's work has been done by honorary officials, purely for the love of the thing, but the time is coming, I believe, when our Parliament will have to take a bigger outlook, and, in order to tackle some of the tasks to which it might well put its hand—tasks which, indeed, it ought to undertake—will have to make some sort of recompense for the work done. It is obviously becoming increasingly difficult to find men who can give up their time to do the work of the Council, for much of it, in fact one may say most of it, is done in the privacy of the study and the home, and as the Council takes up some fresh subject or phase of work in connection with the art, so it finds that men with the necessary leisure are increasingly hard to discover. The Council will, in my opinion, eventually be forced into paying for some of the services which will be required, and this will necessitate bigger funds. As 'The Ringing World' pointed out, in a recent article, the only means of obtaining these funds at present is by increasing the subscription demanded

in respect of each representative. A paltry half-a-crown per annum from about eighty members or so is a meagre revenue for a central body, and now that the rules of the Council are, as we read, to be revised, this would be a very appropriate time to increase the contribution. I wonder if the Standing Committee will have the courage to recommend it? To tell the truth, 'I ha' ma doots.'

Now that a memorial for the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook has been decided upon, I should like to add my own expression of hope that the scheme will be taken up as a thoroughly national one. A great deal has already been written and said about Jim Washbrook's wonderful capabilities as a ringer, and those who actually knew him in his prime will always tell you he has had no superior in all round ability. My first recollection of Washbrook was when I was quite a green hand at ringing, somewhere in the Grandsire Doubles stage. Washbrook and others were touring in our district, and they came to our tower for a peal of Major. Our lumpy-going tenor had never before been turned in to a peal—our local tenorman, who used to take about twenty minutes over the three hours to ring her behind to Triples, was of opinion that she was too big to be rung to Major. She weighed about a ton, and we believed the tenorman. We all assembled at the tower to worship at the shrine of these super-peal ringers, who were to attempt the seemingly impossible, and we peeped through the window while the ringing was in progress to see how the tenor ringer, which was Washbrook, was getting on. The bells were going so fast, he must surely be quickly exhausting himself! But when they ran into rounds in just three hours, and Washbrook, to our amazement, came out of the tower looking as fresh as paint, our tenorman went straight home, while we youngsters stared in open-mouthed wonder at this Hercules who had accomplished such a feat.

CRITICUS.

## SURPRISE METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Seeing by the latest performance of the Leiston ringers that Mr. Lindoff has once more struck the same seam as myself, allow me to state that I discovered Rochester Surprise, along with several more of the same family, in May, 1923. They have been well circulated in our Northern Counties. The Rev. A. T. Beeston has had possession of them for twelve months. The remainder of them are as under.—Yours truly,

ARTHUR CRAVEN.

'NORTON' SURPRISE.	'RIPON' SURPRISE.	'LINCOLN' SURPRISE.	'NEW LONDON' SURPRISE.
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12346857	12537486	12537486	12537486
21438675	21357846	21357846	21357846
24136857	23158764	23158764	23158764
42318675	32517846	32517846	32517846
42136857	32158764	32158764	32158764
24318675	23517846	23517846	23517846
42381657	25371864	32571864	32571486
43286175	52738146	35278146	35274168
34821657	57231864	53721864	53721486
38426175	75328146	57328146	57324168
83246715	57382416	75238416	75234618
38427651	53784261	57324861	57326481
34826715	35872416	53728416	53724618
43287651	38574261	35274861	35276481
34278561	83754621	32547681	53726841
43725816	87356412	23456718	35278614
47328561	78534621	24357681	32576841
74235816	75836412	42536718	23758614
47325186	57863142	24356178	32578164
43721368	75681324	23451687	35271846
34275186	76583142	32546178	53728164
32471568	67851324	35241687	57321864
23417586	68715342	53214678	75312486
32145768	86173524	35126487	57134268
32417586	86715342	35214678	57312486
23145768	68173524	51326487	75134268
21347586	61875342	51324678	71532486
12435768	16785432	15234768	17352846
21345678	61874523	51327486	71538264
12436587	16847253	15372846	17583624
14263857	16482735	15738264	17856342
4th's place Bob.	4th's place Bob.	4th's place Bob.	4th's place Bob.
False Course and	False Course	False Course	False Course
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These two methods are remarkable in the manner the course bells work together. In 'Lincoln' they are parted only 42 changes in the course, while in 'New London' they are only apart 36 changes in the whole course, and 24365 is the only false course.

## RINGERS' OUTINGS.

THE ST. GILES' SOCIETY, READING.

On Saturday, August 16th, members and friends of the above, numbering 20, journeyed to Old Windsor, leaving Reading by motor coach at 2 p.m. Arrived at Old Windsor, they were met by Mr. J. Gutteridge. The bells were soon raised, and some really capital touches of Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Oxford Treble Bob and Double Norwich were rung, the striking being almost perfect, Mr. W. Welling taking a rope with the visitors. The journey was continued to Windsor, where a capital tea was prepared by Mr. J. Wilson at the Ship Hotel. Afterwards the usual votes of thanks were accorded, and a move was made to the Parish Church, where Mr. T. Smith was awaiting the visitors' arrival, and conducted the party to the tower. Here again some splendid ringing was indulged in. Returning to The Ship a social hour was spent, songs being sung by Messrs. A. Harding, H. Egby, G. Essex, A. Jeffery, and last, but not least, Mr. H. Simmonds. Reading was reached on the return journey at 10.45 p.m. Through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' the ringers desire to convey their thanks to Mr. W. Welling, Mr. J. Gutteridge and Mr. T. Smith for their kindness in securing permission to use the bells, and thus adding so much to the pleasure of the outing, which was a most enjoyable one.

HAWKHURST RINGERS' EXCURSION.

The first outing of the Hawkhurst (Kent) company took place on the second Wednesday in August. Starting in a charabanc shortly before eight o'clock in the morning, the party travelled to Tonbridge. Mr. W. Steed had kindly obtained permission for them to ring at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, and Mr. Aylward conducted them to the tower. About three-quarters of an hour was occupied in ringing these delightful bells, after which the excursionists went on to Sevenoaks, where Mr. H. J. Ford had kindly made arrangements for ringing to take place. A member of the local band met the party, who thoroughly enjoyed ringing on Sevenoaks' splendid eight. A very nice lunch was served at the Sevenoaks Services' Club. Early in the afternoon the party assembled at Wrotham Church, being welcomed by the Vicar (Rev. A. P. Pascoe), Mr. G. Barham and another local ringer. The peal of eight at this tower were a pleasure to ring on, as also were the bells at the next stopping place, West Malling, where Mr. J. W. Leonard and Mr. Sloman greeted the party. Tea was partaken of at Aylesford, followed by ringing at Aylesford Church. On the return journey a short stop was made at Staplehurst, Mr. J. W. Head having made arrangements for the company to ring there, and Mr. and Mrs. H. Baker (Frittenden) and Mr. T. E. Sone welcomed the party. The outstanding feature of the outing was that the band never broke down in their ringing at any of the churches visited. The company may be criticised for ringing Grandsire Triples all day, but when it is announced that about 5,500 changes were rung, including quarter-peals at Sevenoaks, Wrotham and Aylesford, with most satisfactory striking at all the places, it is obvious that the day's record is highly creditable to a village like Hawkhurst, situated as it is, on the outskirts of Kent, and consequently obtaining little outside assistance in training change-ringers. Three of the company (Messrs. G. Talbot, V. Penfold and S. Saxby) were unable to join the party. The change-ringers who went were: Messrs. G. Billenness, F. Chapman, O. Waghorn, J. Blake, H. M. Batchup, W. A. Penfold, J. G. Powell and F. Pattenden. The last-named ringer belongs to Kiln-down, and kindly came to assist, in order to fill one of the places of the unavoidable absences. A Hawkhurst lady (Miss E. Field) journeyed with the party, and rang in all the churches visited. The outing was very successful in every respect. Wherever they went the company found the hand of friendship extended to them. They heartily thank the clergy and persons at the various churches for arranging their visit, and those who so kindly met them at the different places.

GREEN'S NORTON BAND'S FIRST OUTING.

On August Bank Holiday the ringers of St. Bartholomew's Church, Green's Norton, with their wives and friends, had their first outing. The trip was made by charabanc, and at Twycroft Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilfred Sharp and Mr. W. Hammond joined the party. At Northampton Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hopper were picked up, and at Weston Favell Mr. Tom Law also 'joined up.' At Earls Barton Mr. Fred Jones, of the local band, met the visitors, and gave them a cordial welcome. Short touches of Plain Bob, Oxford Single and Kent Treble Bob were rung, and the fine old church was admired by all, a good many of the party not having had the pleasure of visiting Earls Barton before. The charabanc ('Black Lizzie') was then given 'one round, rapid,' and landed the party very quickly at Wollaston, where Mr. Amos Smart and another member of the local band extended a hearty welcome. The bells here were soon going to Double Court and Double Oxford. The long draught upset some, but everyone was well pleased with the very musical peal of six.

According to programme, the next halt was to be at Great Addington at 12 mid-day, but as the wedding of Miss L. Wilkinson and Mr. C. Wilkins from Green's Norton was to be solemnised at 2 p.m., with the Rev. H. Hoskin, R.D., Rector of Green's Norton, officiating, the company were specially asked to be at Addington about the



time of the ceremony. The bride's father had at one time been one of the local band at Green's Norton, and, under the circumstances, the visitors felt it a duty to try and meet the request. To kill time they took things easy, and made a short stay at Irthingborough, arriving at Addington just before 2 p.m., when, to their surprise, they found a band of ringers waiting to ring as the happy couple left the church. The visitors were rather disappointed, especially as they had had to leave out Ringstead, owing to being behind the fixed time. Travelling on to Woodford, they found another wedding couple just leaving church, and, no ringers being on parade, they were in clover. The Rector gave the party a hearty welcome, and remarked what a grand idea it was to spend a Bank Holiday by going from tower to tower and cheering people up by ringing the bells. He said the local band were out on holiday, and asked the visitors to carry on as they wished. The bells were soon going to Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge. The next stop was at Sudborough, where they were met by Mr. Walter Height, one of the local band. The fact that the treble was minus the stay was no detriment to the ringing, and some well struck 120s of St. Simon's and Bob Doubles were brought round. At the Vane Arms an excellent tea was ready. The Reading Room was also at the party's disposal. At Lowick the visitors were heartily welcomed by Mr. Richard Dunkley, and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob were rung. After looking round the lovely church the company made their way to Islip, where they arrived too late for ringing. The return journey was made via Wellingborough and Northampton. Home was reached about 11 p.m., and everyone was so well satisfied with the first outing that it was proposed at once to make an annual event of it. The party wish, through 'The Ringing World,' to thank all clergy for so willingly granting permission to ring and members of local bands for having everything in readiness, thus making the day's outing such a success.

#### AN OXFORDSHIRE TRIP.

On Saturday, August 16th, the ringers of St. Mary's Church, Witney, Oxon, accompanied by friends from Eynsham, Southleigh and Duckington, spent most enjoyable afternoon. Visiting Buckland, the party were met (in the absence of the Vicar) by a gentleman, who, after showing them the various objects of interest, conducted them to the tower, where a few touches of Grandsire Triples were rung. Faringdon was then visited, where the party were met by the local ringers. The bells were raised in peal, and the Rev. E. B. Lock accorded the ringers a hearty welcome. Several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, and, after looking round the church, the party moved on to Clanfield. After partaking of an excellent tea, provided by Mr. and Mrs. Bryant, of the Plough Inn, they were received at the church by the Vicar (Rev. W. Bryant). The church contains a merry little peal of bells, which were raised in peal. Several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, which were much appreciated by friends present. The next tower visited was Bampton, which contains a beautiful peal of eight bells, upon which several touches of Grandsire Triples (including 504) were rung.

The newly-appointed Vicar (the Rev. Gegg) and his wife ascended the tower, and gave the ringers a hearty welcome. Witney was reached about ten o'clock, after a most enjoyable afternoon. The ringers wish to thank the Vicars of the various churches for the use of the bells, and also all those who helped to make the outing a success.

#### ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD, BRISTOL.

On August Bank Holiday the members of the above Guild, with friends, held their annual outing. The party, numbering 28, included their old friend, Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport.

A start was made at 7 a.m. by charabanc, in very doubtful weather, through the beautiful county of Somerset, the first halt being called at Yeovil, where, on the very fine peal of ten (tenor 45 cwt.) touches of Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal were indulged in. The tone of these bells was greatly admired, and the 'go' of them was perfect. At Beaminster, the next stop, the church was visited, and touches of Stedman Triples and Cambridge Major were rung. The party then left for Bridport, where an excellent dinner awaited them at the Wessex Hotel. After dinner the party divided, the ladies proceeding by charabanc to West Bay for the sea breeze, and the ringers to the church, where this very pleasing peal was soon going to Stedman Triples and London Surprise Major. The party was joined by Mr. T. Hervey Beams, who would not be satisfied until a band was made up for his tower at Bradpole, where there is a very nice light peal of eight, and touches of Stedman were rung. The ringers then returned to West Bay to join the main party for tea, after which the return journey was begun. With a short stop at Evercech, Bristol was reached at 10.30 p.m., after a most enjoyable outing. The weather, which had been threatening at first, remained delightfully fine almost the whole day, and it was not until the last few miles that it was necessary to cover up. The beautiful scenery of Somerset and Dorset through which the journey was made was greatly admired.

The Guild wish to thank, through the columns of 'The Ringing World,' the Vicars of the various churches for the use of their bells, the steeple keepers for their kindness in having the bells ready, and all those gentlemen who helped in making the outing so enjoyable.

#### SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**CHELMSFORD.**—On Sunday, August 17th, for Matins, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1,277 changes (composed by R. F. Deal), in 55 mins.: A. Talworthy 1, C. Gentry 2, A. Saltmarsh 3, L. Green 4, J. Wood 5, A. Head 6, W. Chalk 7, H. Kirton 8, C. Pease (conductor) 9, W. Pease 10. Arranged for Mr. Lewis Green, who is home on a visit from Woodstock, South Africa.

**PLYMOUTH, DEVON.**—At Emmanuel Church for morning service, on Sunday, August 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: J. H. Tippet (first quarter-peal) 1, T. Myers 2, W. Wonnacott 3, A. H. Kentfield 4, W. Rundle (conductor) 5, H. Burner 6, J. Woodley 7, R. J. Baldry (first quarter-peal) 8.

**BARTON-IN-FABIS, NOTTS.**—On Sunday, August 17th, for morning service, 360 Bob Minor. For evening service, 720 Oxford Bob: G. Layte 1, E. Chamberlain 2, E. Payne 3, F. Priestly 4, J. W. Priestly 5, F. J. Tite (conductor) 6.

**BUCKNALL.**—On Sunday, August 17th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Bob: Reg. Preston (first 720) 1, Alice Wheelton 2, H. Billings 3, Alice Preston (conductor) 4, W. Fradley 5, C. Bowen 6. For evening service, 720 City Delight: H. Billings 1, C. Bowen 2, W. Wheelton, jun., 3, Alice Preston (conductor) 4th, W. Fradley 5, C. Preston 6.

**GRIMSTON, NORFOLK.**—On Sunday, August 17th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. R. Smith 1, Mrs. A. W. Clark 2, A. W. Clark 3, J. H. Raper 4, E. Greenacre 5, R. E. Greenacre (conductor) 6. Mr. and Mrs. A. Clark are from Croydon, Surrey.

**WITHYCOMBE, DEVON.**—At the St. John's Church, for morning service on August 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): E. G. Stocker 1, R. G. Manley 2, A. E. Jones (Putney) 3, F. Dimond 4, W. S. Hornbrook (Plymouth) 5, J. M. Skinner 6, R. J. Hayman (conductor) 7, G. Rendell 8.

**HORNSEY, MIDDLESEX.**—On Sunday, August 17th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins.: H. J. Ross 1, T. Langdon 2, J. G. Nash 3, H. Blee 4, M. Fensom 5, C. H. Ross (conductor) 6. First 720 on the bells since they were overhauled by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the 'go' being excellent.

**SHEFFIELD.**—At St. Marie's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, August 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, out of Holt's Original, in 50 mins.: G. Lewis 1, C. Harrison (conductor) 2, T. G. Sarel 3, J. A. Dixon 4, C. Lake 5, J. Evinson 6, R. Harrison 7, H. Hurst 8.

**LOUGHBOROUGH.**—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on August 17th, 576 Bob Major: R. P. Lane 1, E. W. Cartwright 2, W. Johnson 3, J. Grundy 4, H. Stubbs 5, J. Saddington 6, E. Reader (conductor) 7, W. Thorley 8.

**ISLEWORTH.**—On Sunday, August 17th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: F. G. Giddard 1, A. Beckensale 2, A. Brookland 3, W. Hollier 4, J. Milner 5, W. Liddbetter (conductor) 6, G. Spencer 7, A. Sheard 8. Rung to commemorate the silver wedding of the conductor. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 46 mins.: T. Beadle 1, W. Sparrow 2, G. Spencer 3, S. D. Breese 4, H. Wincote 5, J. Milner 6, A. Beckensale 7, Robert Farden (conductor) 8.

**TOTTENHAM.**—At All Hallows Church, on August 17th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.: A. Racher 1, H. A. Barnett (conductor) 2, S. W. Crabb 3, H. W. R. Strickland 4, W. Dickinson 5, F. Barker 6, H. Ellis 7, W. Patmore 8.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, August 17th, for evening service, at St. Mary's, Lewisham, S.E., 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. H. Simmons 1, G. H. Walker 2, S. C. Move 3, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 4, E. J. King 5, J. R. Gammon 6, H. Warnett, sen., 7, H. G. Goodwin 8.

**SWINDON, WILTS.**—On Sunday, August 17th, for morning service, at the Parish Church, 486 Grandsire Caters, composed by G. Hollis: W. A. Bullock 1, A. Lawrence 2, R. W. Hyner (conductor) 3, W. Trueman 4, H. W. Bishop 5, E. Bishop 6, C. J. Gardiner 7, S. Palmer 8, J. H. Shepherd 9, A. W. Harrington 10.

**READING.**—At St. Laurence's Church, on Sunday, August 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins.: W. Gardener 1, W. Hensley 2, S. C. Davis 3, J. W. Higgs 4, A. T. Lovejoy 5, E. Humfrey 6, J. R. Mackman (conductor) 7, W. Rampton 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1, 2 and tenor, and first quarter-peal of Stedman by 3, 4 and 5. Rung in honour of the 21st birthday of the tenor man.

**EALING, MIDDLESEX.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, August 17th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 49 mins.: F. S. Palmer, jun., 1, A. J. Moore 2, J. E. Churchill 3, H. A. Harding 4, J. H. Hunnisset 5, A. H. Fulwell 6, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 7, A. Harding 8.

**ST. LEONARD'S, STOREDITCH.**—On Sunday, August 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Cinques in 48 mins.: J. D. Matthews (conductor) 1, A. Hardy 2, R. Elkington 3, R. Brough 4, G. Hollis 5, T. Newman 6, R. Bevan 7, G. Card 8, F. G. Newman 9, F. Smith 10, W. Bottrill 11, T. Bevan 12. Arranged for Messrs. Elkington and Hollis, from Leicester and Chesterfield respectively.

**BARTON-IN-FABIS, NOTTS.**—On Sunday, August 10th, for evening service, 480 Kent Treble Bob, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: G. Layte 1, E. Chamberlain 2, C. Payne 3, W. Brown 4, J. W. Priestly 5, F. J. Tite (conductor) 6.



**SANDIACRE, DERBYSHIRE.**—On Sunday, August 10th, for evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: A. Freeman 1, W. Halford 2, J. Hall 3, W. Thorale 4, W. R. Drage 5, H. Turner (conductor) 6.

**KENSINGTON.**—At the Church of St. Mary Abbots, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,287 changes): Miss P. Upsher 1, Miss E. Chapman 2, Miss F. Orr 3, Mrs. R. F. Deal 4, Mrs. F. I. Hairs 5, Miss E. K. Parker (conductor) 6, W. E. Garrard 7, F. J. Hairs 8, R. F. Deal 9, G. W. Fletcher 10.

**MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.**—On Sunday, August 3rd, in 2 hrs. and 48 mins., at the Church of St. Mary, a peal of Minor (5,040 changes), being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, Lenor 14 cwt.: John Bayliss 1, Robert G. Knowles 2, William Ranford 3, John J. Jefferies 4, Sidney T. Holt (conductor) 5, Charles Camm 6. Rung to celebrate the coming-of-age of Viscount Elmley.

**PAINSWICK.**—For evening service, on Sunday, July 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) in 50 mins.: T. Wright 1, F. Cole 2, W. Ryland 3, W. Ireland 4, A. Wright (composer and conductor) 5, G. Goulding 6, W. Hastings 7, L. Barry 3, T. Price 9, C. Barnfield 10.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

**SOUTHILL, BEDS.**—On Wednesday, August 6th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss E. Steel 1, E. H. Tingey 2, G. Heley 3, H. L. Harlow 4, A. E. Sharman 5, W. Stapleton (conductor) 6. This 720 was rung after the induction of Canon W. W. C. Baker as Vicar of the above parish by the Bishop of St. Albans.

**HYDE, CHESHIRE.**—On Thursday, July 24th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 49 mins.: William Shaw 1, Arthur Haughton 2, John Brierley 3, Samuel Wood 4, Albert Marshall 5, James Shaw 6, Tom Wilde (conductor) 7, Albert Hough 8. First quarter-peal in the method on the bells, also by all the band, except the ringers of the 4th and 7th. First in the method as conductor.

**SOUTHWELL, MINSTER, NOTTS.**—On Friday, July 18th, 504 Stedman Triples: G. E. Padgett 1, H. F. Chulow 2, A. J. Chamberlain 3, F. Pickhard 4, G. R. Goodship (conductor) 5, E. Foster 6, F. M. Mitchell 7, W. D. Shortoss 8.

**TRING, HERTS.**—At the Parish Church, on Whit Tuesday, for the children's festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 45 mins.: H. Bull 1, F. J. Reeve 2, F. Keen 3 (first on a bob bell), W. Dedman 4, W. Jeffs 5, F. C. Reeve 6, F. Vickers (conductor) 7, N. Brackley 8 (first quarter). The ringers of 4, 5 and 7 hail from Linslade, the rest belong to the local band.

**LAMBETH.**—On Tuesday, August 12th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles in 45 mins., 10 120s each, called differently: W. Hardy 1, C. Maul 2, W. A. Batten (conductor) 3, T. W. Wyatt 4, B. Clark 5, S. Neill 6. Rung on the back six. Longest length by the local band.

### NOTICE

**BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 6th, at Rawmarsh. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1/- per head for those who send their names to Mr. E. Pammenter, 11, Spolton Road, Parkgate, not later than Sept. 3rd. Business meeting at 6 p.m.—A. Bamther, Sec., *pro tem.*, Wath-on-Dearne.

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### WELCOME TO A BISHOP.

On Sunday afternoon, August 10th, several members of the Cheltenham branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association met at Prestbury Church and rang touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples to welcome the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, who visited the parish to consecrate the new ground added to the churchyard.

For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 40 mins.: T. Pendry 1, H. Voyce 2, G. Walters 3, W. Townsend 4, W. Hale 5, C. Tovey 6, J. Causon (conductor) 7, E. Smith 8.

### NOTICES.

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**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Yateley on Saturday, August 23rd. Bell available from 3 p.m. Short Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and a business meeting.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held in St. Mary's Hall, Woodbridge, at 4 p.m., on Saturday, Aug. 23rd. Tea, 1s., at the Cafe (next the church) at 5 p.m. Woodbridge bells (8), Ufford (8), available from 2 p.m.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Benenden, near Cranbrook, on Saturday, Aug. 23rd. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea after service at the Bull Hotel, followed by business meeting. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting, tea and social will be held at the Blackburn Parish Church on Saturday, August 23rd. The bells (10) will be available from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. in the Parish School. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Social 7 p.m. Tickets 1/6 each. A hearty welcome is extended to all ringers and friends. The bells of Holy Trinity and St. Michael's will also be available from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION** (South-Western Division) and the **MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION** and **LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD** (N.E. District).—A joint meeting for practice and social intercourse will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at 1/- per head at 5.30 p.m. Members and friends of above associations cordially welcomed. Trains from Liverpool Street at 2.48 and 3.8, from Stratford at 3.30.—W. Theobald, 49, Portway, West Ham, E.15; C. T. Coles, 49, Wood Street, E.17.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Sharnford on Saturday, Aug. 23rd. Bells available 4 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Flixton on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at Harpenden on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells available 3 p.m.—Wm. Nash, District Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—A meeting will be held at Bearsted on Saturday, August 23rd. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting after service.—C. H. Stone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Toke Cottage, Linton, Maidstone.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—A monthly meeting will be held at Solihull on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m.—B. W. Witchell, Hon. Dist. Sec., 58, New Street, Erdington, Birmingham.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Winscombe on Saturday, the 23rd inst. Service 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting after. Bells (8) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Titchfield on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Rayne on Saturday, August 23rd. All ringers are cordially invited. There will be a service in the church at 4.15 p.m., after which tea in the school.—W. H. Dyson, District Sec., High Street, Braintree.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held on Saturday, August 23rd, at Stoke Poges. Six bells, from 3 to 5 p.m. G.W.R. bus leaves at 5.9 p.m. Tea at Farnham Royal 5.30 p.m. Bells (8) available after tea.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Sec., "Cambridge," Wexham Wood, Slough.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A practice meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Wood Green, on Monday, Aug. 25th. Bells available from 7.15 to 9.15 p.m. All members and friends invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, on August 26th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on Aug. 28th; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, Aug. 30th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely.—The new peal of eight at Bourn, Cambs, will be dedicated on Saturday, August 30th, at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5, followed by meeting. All ringers welcome. It would facilitate arrangements if ringers would notify me of their intention of being present.—A. E. Austin, District Sec., 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—At the invitation of the new Vicar the next monthly meeting will be held at Cotgrave on Saturday, August 30th, which also includes tea on the Vicarage lawn. Will those intending being present please advise the Rev. A. Chaplin, The Vicarage, Cotgrave,

Notts, not later than August 27th? — F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—West Tyne District.—A meeting will be held at Newton Hall on August 30th. Bells (6) will be available at 2 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me before August 27th.—C. Symm Newton, Stockfield.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, August 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. Business: Election of branch president for next two years. A good attendance is requested.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Fishlake on Saturday, August 30th. Bells (6) ready early. Tea only provided for those who notify me before the 26th.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Thames, on Saturday, August 30th. Ringing commencing at 3 o'clock. Tea will be provided in the Parish Mission House, Wood Street, at 4.30, with a meeting after and evensong at the Church at 6 p.m. Will ringers kindly inform Mr. John Howes of 9, Hawks Road, Norbiton, Kingston-on-Thames, of their intention to take tea so that the necessary arrangements may be made?—Charles Dean, Hon. Sec., 59, Wellesley Road, Croydon.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Duffield, on Saturday, August 30th. Bells (10) available from 2.30. All ringers welcome.—G. Cecil Wallace, Dis. Sec., 10, Goodale Street, Derby.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford district.—A meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, August 30, at Kimbolton, at 3 p.m.; Tea at 5 p.m.; after tea Keysoe bells will be available from about 6 p.m.—L. Turner, Dis. Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Weldon (6), on Saturday, Aug. 30th. Usual arrangements. Will all those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Aug. 26th?—R. G. Black, Branch Sec., Ged-dington.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A special meeting will be held on Saturday, August 30th, at Little Houghton. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, August 26th.—T. Tebbutt, Branch Sec., 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at New Mills, on Saturday, August 30th. Service 4.30. Tea and Business 5.15. Please notify Mr. Clifford Smith, Whittle Road, New Mills, near Stockport, by Tuesday, Aug. 26th, numbers attending.—John P. Fidler, Hon. Sec., Hazel Grove.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Lyminster on Saturday, September 6th. Tower open from 2.30. A free tea will be provided at the parish rooms at 5 o'clock. Arundel bells will be also available in the evening. All those intending being present kindly notify me by August 26th.—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Audries, on Saturday, Aug. 30. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea at Parish Room at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Kindly advise me by Aug. 25, how many members from your tower will be present.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meetings for September.—St. Clement Danes, Mondays the 1st and 15th, at 7.30; Sunday, the 7th, at 10 a.m. St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, Monday, the 22nd, at 7.30. Outing to Chertsey on Saturday, the 27th. Details will be announced later. Please reserve date.—A. H. Keighley, Hon. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at St. John's, Hagley, on Saturday, September 6th. Bells available from 3.30. Service in church at 4.30. Business meeting afterwards. Old members specially invited to attend.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—There will be a meeting at Overton, on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4. Tea at 4.45.—C. D. P. Davies, Hon. Dist. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly meeting will be at Hinckley, on Saturday, September 13th. Bells available at 2 o'clock. The Committee will meet in the School at 3.45. There will be a service in church at 4.15. Tea will be served at 5 o'clock, followed by general meeting. Will those requiring tea kindly advise Mr. Fred Cotton, 4, Gladstone Terrace, Hinckley, not later than 11th September?—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Darley Dale.

**SNOWDON COMMEMORATION DINNER.**—The annual commemoration dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at the Windmill Hotel, Blossom Street, York, on Saturday, September 20th. The Dean of York (the Very Rev. Dr. W. Foxley Norris, D.D.) will take the chair at 5.45 p.m. prompt. Applications for tickets, for which a charge of 5s. 6d. each will be made, must reach Mr. G. Horner, 16, Clifton Green, York, not later than Tuesday, September 16th.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., Yorks Association, 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

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