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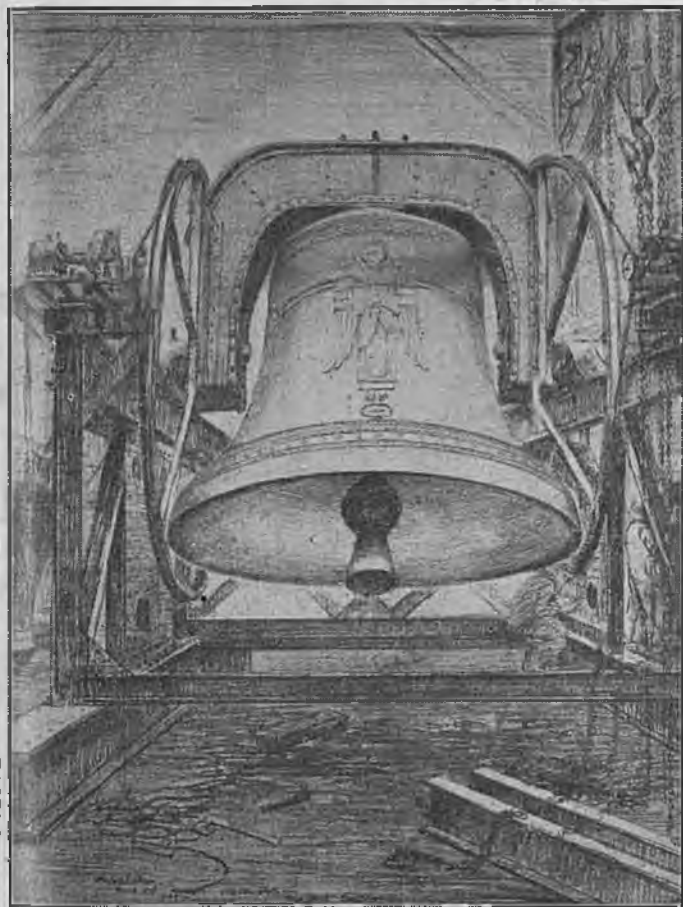
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### THE 'SLACKER.'

'We make no apology for reminding members once more that our first duty is to maintain the level of service ringing in our individual towers at the highest possible standard and to spare no pains to attain this end by punctual and regular attendance.' This is the concluding paragraph in the annual report presented to the members by the Master and Hon. Secretary of the Sussex County Association. It deserves to occupy a foremost place in the report of every association and guild throughout the country. Many bands suffer from the unpunctual and irregular attendance of the indifferent members, who check progress, induce apathy, and finally, sometimes, virtually break up the company. Why is it so many ringers think nothing of coming to the belfry five or ten minutes late for practice or service ringing? It must be because they do not fully appreciate the office which they hold. If they happen to be members of the choir they would not think of walking into their places ten minutes after the service has begun, yet they have no compunction about sauntering into the belfry many minutes late. They count for nothing the time of the five or seven other men they have kept waiting; they treat as of no importance the fact that the bells have been silent, waiting their coming; while their attitude with regard to practice is often one of still less consideration. Their colleagues have perforce to wait the slacker's convenience before they can begin and the wasted minutes, as the President of the Central Council said in a recent sermon to ringers, quickly mount up to hours in the aggregate.

There seems to be no remedy to cure the failing in ringers of this type. They know that the rest are to some extent dependent upon them, but instead of this being an incentive to punctuality, it seems to act in the contrary direction, and they rather delight in the 'let them wait' policy which they adopt. It is a great pity that all ringers are not imbued with the spirit of one well-known member of the Exercise, whose example was quoted at the Winchester Guild's jubilee the other day. He has declared that he would no more think of being late for service ringing than he would think of being late for work. And not only does he preach this gospel, but practices it most assiduously. If all ringers would do this, the standard of ringing in the service of the church would quickly be raised, because time, otherwise wasted, would be devoted to improvement. From the first day a man joins a band punctuality and regularity ought to be a creed instilled into him, by precept and example, and he should be taught to realise that, unless he responded, the belfry has no use for him. The finest example of

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punctuality is to be found at St. Paul's Cathedral. Here, a quarter of an hour before ringing time the ringers make the long climb up to the ringing chamber and prepare for their task. Two minutes before the moment for starting every man is at his rope; as the clock strikes, the twelve bells are pulled off and they do not stop again until exactly five minutes before the service hour. Sunday after Sunday, year in and year out, this unflinching programme is carried out—punctuality is looked upon as a duty; there are no wasted moments and the highest standard in service ringing is attained. Why cannot the same thing apply in every tower in the country where there is a band? It would raise the art; and it would raise the ringers in the esteem and respect of the people.

### TEN BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 13, 1929, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS THE-MARTYR, THAMES STREET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

EDGAR HUMFREY ... .. Treble	* JACK A. WAUGH ... .. 6
GILBERT R. GOODSHIP ... .. 2	JOHN T. KENTISH ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... .. 8
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 4	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 9
* ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... .. 5	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES  
\* First peal on ten bells.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 13, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 10½ cwt.	
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. Treble	HARRY L. AITKEN ... .. 5
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... .. 2	HENRY JENNINGS ... .. 6
FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 7
FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... .. 4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 14, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb.	
TONEY PRICE ... .. Treble	ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 5
E. HARRY STONELEY ... .. 2	* WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 6
WILLIAM A. STOTE ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... .. 7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... .. 4	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

Eight towers were represented, viz.: Shouldham, Norfolk; Stoke Golding, Leicestershire; Coventry; Anstey; Stoney Stanton; Edmon-ton; Leicester, St. John's; Leicester, St. Margaret's. \* 50th tower for a peal.

### SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

FELKIRK, YORKS.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Friday, June 21, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Crowland, St. Werberg, Vale Royal, Combermere, Campanilla, Gladstone and Chadkirk. Tenor 10 cwt.

A. KELSALL ... .. Treble	H. CHANT ... .. 4
A. COLE ... .. 2	D. SMITH ... .. 5
M. PERRY ... .. 3	J. T. WHITE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. T. WHITE.

CADOXTON, NEATH.  
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 13, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr.

JOHN E. BLOKHAM ... .. Treble	* JOHN T. WILLIAMS ... .. 4
HARRY BOYCE ... .. 2	EDWARD PHILLIPS ... .. 5
DAVID J. LEWIS ... .. 3	GWYN I. LEWIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

\* First peal of Minor.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 13, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

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

Being three 720's of Plain and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

HAROLD G. SMITH ... .. Treble	ALBERT BOOTH ... .. 4
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... .. 2	HARRY HOWARD ... .. 5
DAVID SMITH ... .. 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

Rung to celebrate the completion by Canon G. R. Sanders of 25 years as Rector of Davenham.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.  
EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 13, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 lb.

G. H. JOLLAND ... .. Treble	* DAISY TAYLOR ... .. 3
* MADGE C. JOLLAND ... .. 2	T. COPE ... .. 4
W. W. GARDNER ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by T. COPE.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
MEETING AT HARROW WEALD.

The North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild paid its annual visit to the north-west corner of the county on June 29th, the tower chosen on this occasion being that of Harrow Weald, with a pretty peal of six bells. In spite of the absence of several prominent members, including the hon. secretary and vice-president, on holidays, there was a good attendance, and Mr. Albert W. Coles saw that the methods rung suited all tastes.

The Vicar (Rev. C. S. Durham) conducted the service at 5 p.m., and also presided at the meeting, which followed a very excellent tea in the Institute. Mr. Goodship made an efficient secretary.

Eleven new members was admitted, whilst it was announced that joint meetings with neighbouring associations had been arranged at Hadley on July 27th (Herts and Middlesex), also at Broxbourne on August 24th (Essex, Herts and Middlesex). It was left to the hon. secretary to arrange the next meeting of the district. Votes of thanks to the Vicar and the Rector of Stanmore (Rev. W. A. Hewett) concluded the business.

Stanmore tower was visited in the evening, where Mr. G. A. Hughes met the members, and the ringing included a variety of methods up to London Surprise Major. Mr. W. Pye, as usual, made a very capable Ringing Master. In all, some 30 members attended and spent an enjoyable afternoon and evening.

LEICESTER MEN AT LINCOLN.

The members of the St. John-the-Divine Society, Leicester, accompanied by their wives, held their annual summer outing on Saturday, June 29th, when they visited the city of Lincoln. The party, numbering 24, were met at the railway station by Mr. George Chester, of St. Peter-at-Arches and the Cathedral, and piloted by him through the quaint old streets. A first-rate meat tea was provided at the Lincoln Co-operative Cafe. Five-thirty saw the party at the Cathedral—in the opinion of the writer, the premier Cathedral of Great Britain—where the new ring of twelve bells were soon mouth upwards. Touches of Triples, Caters and Cinques were rung to the satisfaction of all concerned, while the ladies were shown around the interior of the edifice. Train time came all too soon, and the company reached Leicester about 10 p.m. The best thanks of the society are herewith tendered to the Precentor and the Cathedral authorities for the kind permission to ring, and especially to the veteran Mr. George Chester (who, with the writer, rang in the last peal on the old eight in 1896, with Messrs. Lindoff and Craven) for his invaluable help in filling the role of 'guide, philosopher and friend.'

**THE NATIONAL THANKSGIVING.**

The following peals, in addition to those which appeared in our last issue, have been rung in connection with the National Thanksgiving for the King's recovery:

**TWELVE BELL PEAL.**

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 13, 1929, in Four Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;**

Tenor 39½ cwt.

EDWARD JENKINS ... .. Treble	* RICHARD T. HOLDING ... .. 7
* RICHARD LANGFORD ... .. 2	THOMAS HAMMOND ... .. 8
* ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 3	HENRY W. WILDE ... .. 9
* THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. 4	* TITUS BARLOW ... .. 10
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 5	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... .. 11
WILLIAM BIBBY ... .. 6	EDWARD CAUNCE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

\* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. Also first of Cambridge Maximus as conductor.

**TEN BELL PEALS.**

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 6, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

ON THE MEMORIAL BELLS OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

THOMAS H. VALLANCE ... .. Treble	HARRY L. SMITH ... .. 6
WILLIAM WILLSON, JUN. ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... .. 7
ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 3	PERCY HARRISON ... .. 8
REDVERS ELKINGTON ... .. 4	WILLIAM WILLSON ... .. 9
ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 5	RALPH HOBBAARD ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

Also rung to commemorate the royal wedding anniversary of their Majesties the King and Queen. First peal in the method on the bells.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 10, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5005 CHANGES;**

Tenor 28½ cwt.

JAMES PAGET ... .. Treble	E. HARRY STONELEY ... .. 6
MAURICE SWINFELD ... .. 2	JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... .. 7
JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 8
JOSEPH BAILEY ... .. 4	WILLIAM WILLSON ... .. 9
CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 5	GEORGE F. NEWMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE.

Conducted by MAURICE SWINFELD

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, July 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

VICTOR J. F. BENNETT ... .. Treble	WILLIAM G. COLLETT ... .. 5
HARRY MILES ... .. 2	† FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS ... .. 6
* MISS MARGARET REYNOLDS ... .. 3	WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 7
FRANCIS TAYLOR ... .. 4	* FRANCIS COOPER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

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

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 8, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.	
FRANK MORRIS ... .. Treble	JOHN EDWIN MARKLAND ... .. 5
EDWARD WEBSTER ... .. 2	PETER CROOK ... .. 6
PETER CROOK, JUN. ... .. 3	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... .. 7
GEORGE PINCOIT ... .. 4	ARTHUR BURTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Monday, July 8, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in F.

*JOHN BAGLEY ... .. Treble	JOHN COOKE ... .. 5
LESTER L. GRAY ... .. 2	G. RONALD EDWARDS ... 6
*ALFRED K. LEATHAM ... 3	†THOMAS ROGERS ... .. 7
JOHN BREESE ... .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise Major inside.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 8, 1929, in Three Hours,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6008 CHANGES;**

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*FRANCIS TOMPKINS ... Treble	JACK STOPP ... .. 5
THOMAS J. HULL ... .. 2	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... 6
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... .. 3	HENRY GOLDING ... .. 7
FREDERICK J. SPICER ... 4	WALTER AYRE ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal of Bob Major.

MACHEN, MON.  
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 8, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.)

IVOR DAVIES... .. Treble	G. H. MARTIN ... .. 5
W. HURFORD ... .. 2	PERCY JONES... .. 6
H. BROUGHTON ... .. 3	A. E. SLATTER ... .. 7
W. PIKE ... .. 4	P. TREW ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. E. SLATTER.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, July 9, 1929, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

FREDERICK J. FLOWER ... Treble	MRS. RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 5
*MISS DORIS CLAY ... .. 2	JOHN CURRY ... .. 6
ALBERT E. BUSLEY ... .. 3	JOHN W. WOOD ... .. 7
JOSEPH W. FLOWERS ... .. 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON

\* First peal.

HENLEY-ON-THAMES, OXON.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 9, 1929, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5030 CHANGES;**

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

GEORGE GILBERT ... .. Treble	†HUBERT HATTO... .. 5
WILLIAM HIBBERT ... .. 2	†ROBERT S. BUSHNELL ... 6
ERNEST NASH ... .. 3	†WILLIAM APPELEY ... .. 7
*SAMUEL COVENTRY ... .. 4	†FREDERICK KING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM APPELEY.

\* First on eight bells. † First of Grandsire. ‡ First peal. All are local members except treble and second ringer. After the peal the ringers were congratulated by the Vicar.

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.—On July 8th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,248 changes) in 45 mins.: R. E. Jones 1, J. Fernley, jun., 2, W. Fernley 3, J. Fernley, sen., 4, T. Wilde 5, W. Hartley 6, E. Bennett (first touch in the method as conductor) 7, W. W. Wolstencroft 8.

POOLE, DORSET.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 10, 1929, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	PERCY WITHAM ... .. 5
JAMES P. DAVIS ... .. 2	HAROLD C. BAVERSTOCK ... 6
ANTHONY V. DENT ... .. 3	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... .. 7
A. MARTIN STEWART ... .. 4	ERNEST J. WHITFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 10, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*REGINALD G. ILSLEY ... Treble	HENRY C. CHANDLER ... .. 5
†WILLIAM E. LEWIS ... .. 2	ERNEST R. GLADMAN ... .. 6
GEORGE B. COLE ... .. 3	*ERNEST G. GARRARD... .. 7
CHARLES S. BIRD ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First peal of Treble Bob on an 'inside' bell. This was the first peal on the bells since rehanging by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, July 11, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*REGINALD HARPER ... Treble	THOMAS ARROWSMITH ... 5
GEORGE BIDDULPH ... .. 2	WILLIAM RIGBY... .. 6
†ROBERT ARROWSMITH ... 3	WALTER LONGMAN ... .. 7
EDWARD HARPER ... .. 4	†ROBERT MAJOR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. RIGBY.

\* First peal away from tenor. † First peal inside. ‡ First peal. G. Biddulph's 25th peal for the Guild. First peal by a Sunday service band at this church since 1905.

EDMONTON.  
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 13, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILBY J. HAZELL ... .. Treble	*EDWARD H. KING ... .. 5
MRS. EDITH K. FLETCHER ... 2	ALICK CUTLER ... .. 6
JOHN THOMAS ... .. 3	JAMES PARKER ... .. 7
WALTER J. BOWDEN ... .. 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by MRS. E. K. FLETCHER

\* First peal in the method.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 13, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

WILLIAM SPICE ... .. Treble	PHILLIP SPRINGHAM ... .. 5
FREDERICK R. WELLER ... .. 2	CHARLES E. NORRIS ... .. 6
FREDERICK G. BRENT... .. 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... .. 7
FRANK BELSEY ... .. 4	WILLIAM HAIGH ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by W. HAIGH.

Arranged for W. Spice, Tunstall, F. Brett and F. Weller, of Canterbury, the rest belong to Rochester Cathedral Society.

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## EWELL, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 13, 1929, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

ALFRED H. POLLING ... .. Treble	CLARENCE H. DOBIE ... .. 5
WILLIAM M. STONE ... .. 2	GEORGE W. STEER ... .. 6
C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 3	CHARLES E. READ ... .. 7
JOHN BEAMS ... .. 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

## NORTHFIELD, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, July 13, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANK B. YATES ... .. Treble	FRED PRICE ... .. 5
PERCY O. LAFLIN ... .. 2	FRANK PERVIN ... .. 6
FRANK PERRINS ... .. 3	ARTHUR CHAMBERS ... .. 7
JOHN WITHERS ... .. 4	JAMES GEORGE ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by P. O. LAFLIN.

## SIX BELI. PEALS.

## THORINGTON, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently.

PERCY ALMOND ... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 4
ALAN R. ANDREWS ... .. 2	GEORGE A. ANDREWS ... .. 5
STANLEY G. DAVRY ... .. 3	CHARLES A. ANDREWS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. A. ANDREWS.

Alan R. Andrews is 12 years of age, and is believed to be the youngest member to ring a peal on tower bells for the association.

## LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Sunday, July 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM G. PATERNOSTER Treble	JAMES KNIGHT, SEN. ... .. 4
GEORGE ELLIS ... .. 2	WILLIAM D. ASHDOWN ... .. 5
EDWARD E. TIDY ... .. 3	LEONARD A. TIDY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

## FELKIRK, YORKS.

## BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Sunday, July 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being 720 each of Willesden, College Exercise, Burton, Overton, Kingston, London Scholars' and Sandal Exercise.

Tenor 10 cwt.

A. KELSALL ... .. Treble	H. CHANT ... .. 4
A. COLE ... .. 2	D. SMITH ... .. 5
M. PERRY ... .. 3	J. T. WHITE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. T. WHITE.

## COMPTON MARTIN, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 7, 1929, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN HOUSE ... .. Treble	JEFFREY TOSSELL ... .. 4
CHARLES FIELD ... .. 2	FREDERICK TOSSELL ... .. 5
ERNEST BATH ... .. 3	SAMUEL DAVIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. TOSSELL.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. All the above are Sunday service ringers at this church.

## SHENFIELD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 8, 1929, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 3,360 of Grandsire and 1,680 of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM H. POOLE ... .. Treble	HARRY TURNER ... .. 4
JOHN W. LEGGETT ... .. 2	WILLIAM D. LEGGETT ... .. 5
CHARLES J. BRACKLEY ... .. 3	EDWARD W. PALMER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. TURNER.

Two extents of Grandsire, and one of Plain Bob were rung alternately. This was the quickest peal on the bells, and all are Sunday service ringers at this church.

## BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, July 11, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Canterbury Reverse and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

ARTHUR THORNTON ... .. Treble	GEORGE HOBBS ... .. 4
FRANK LORD ... .. 2	BERNARD GILLIAT, JUN. ... .. 5
CHARLES H. BIRD ... .. 3	JACK BRAY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. BRAY.

\* First peal 'inside.' First in 4 methods for all except ringers of 4th and tenor.

## SHOULDHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, July 11, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Double Court, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

* WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... .. Treble	EDWARD BARKER ... .. 4
JAMES H. RAPER ... .. 2	REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE ... .. 5
ALFRED BACON ... .. 3	TONY PRICE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

\* First peal.

## ROWDE, NEAR DEVIZES.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, July 12, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 11½ cwt. in A flat.

* ERNEST A. PERRETT ... .. Treble	FRANK GREEN ... .. 4
GEORGE W. ENGLAND ... .. 2	WILLIAM C. WEST ... .. 5
SIDNEY HILLIER ... .. 3	CHARLES D. HEGINBOTHOM Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. WEST.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells. Also rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Henry Brownlee-West and Mr. Sidney Hillier.

## OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE OVER SOCIETY.)

On Friday, July 12, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

HARRY ROBINSON ... .. Treble	FRED C. GINN ... .. 4
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... .. 2	ARTHUR J. GINN ... .. 5
A. WILLIAM T. GINN ... .. 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

## SOUTH NORMANTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 14, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9 cwt.

* HAROLD DOUGHTY ... .. Treble	* ARTHUR B. JUDGE ... .. 4
WILSON ALLIN, SEN. ... .. 2	ERNEST A. WILSON ... .. 5
HAROLD FRADGLEY ... .. 3	JOHN W. ENGLAND ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. ENGLAND.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**  
OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.  
**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
(THE OVER SOCIETY.)

*On Sunday, July 14, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,  
At the Residence of Mr. A. J. GINN.*

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

*MANSFIELD GINN ... .. Treble	FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. 4
DENNIS ADAMS ... .. 2	C. ROBINSON ... .. 5
WILLIAM BAVIN... .. 3	ARTHUR J. GINN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

\* Aged 15 years. Longest length by all on handbells.

**SOME THANKSGIVING TOUCHES.**

Among the touches rung for Thanksgiving services were the following:—

At Little Munden, Herts, for morning service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes), being 720 New London Pleasure, 240 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and 60 Plain Bob: W. Williams 1, S. Carter (conductor) 2, W. H. Lawrence 3, A. Phillip 4, A. Woolston 5, G. H. Carter 6. After service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, W. H. Lawrence 3, A. Phillips 4, G. H. Carter (conductor) 5, A. Woolston 6. For evening service, 720 Woodbine: W. Williams 1, W. S. Lawrence 2, W. H. Lawrence 3, G. H. Carter 4, S. Carter 5, A. Phillips (conductor) 6.

At Rawmarsh, Yorks, for the Thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A. Firth (first quarter-peal) 1, T. Cooper 2, R. Fletcher 3, C. Wilson 4, E. Panminter 5, T. Pickering 6, H. Mortimore (conductor) 7, B. Ingle 8. The same quarter-peal was rung in 42 mins. for evensong, with S. Walker 2nd and R. Macfarlane 8th.

At Chester Cathedral, for morning service, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Lewis 1, W. Seonce 2, M. Harris 3, J. Swindley 4, G. Gerrard 5, C. Seonce 6, P. Swindley 7, S. Jones, jun. (conductor) 8.

At St. Mary's-without-the-Walls, for evening service, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major in 48 mins.: H. Lewis 1, J. Hayes 2, M. Harris 3, A. G. Walkin 4, J. Swindley 5, G. Gerrard 6, P. Swindley 7, Sam Jones, jun. (conductor) 8.

At Holy Trinity Church, Bolton, for the Thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: R. Fishwick 1, A. Sewart 2, P. Crook, jun., 3, G. Tyson 4, W. Kay 5, E. Edwards 6, P. Crook (conductor) 7, R. Lindley 8.

At St. Ullyd's Church, Bridgend, Glam, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: E. Smith 1, W. H. Evans 2, B. J. Toby 3, T. Davies 4, C. H. Perry (conductor) 5, A. W. Wright 6, D. R. James 7, W. James 8.

At Midsomer Norton, Somerset, before evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins.: E. J. Wills (first quarter-peal) 1, E. Rogers 2, L. Gunning 3, I. B. Holmyard (conductor) 4, G. Gunning 5, J. G. Hambleton 6, W. Keavill 7, W. Ford 8.

At Sevenoaks, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: Dr. E. L. Taylor 1, W. Turley 2, H. D. Ford 3, P. Turley 4, H. J. Ford 5, F. Paige 6, H. V. Baker (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, S. Comber 8.

At Christ Church, Swindon, Wilts, for morning service, 1,301 Stedman Caters in 50 mins.: W. W. T. Daniels 1, R. W. Hyner 2, N. Allnutt 3, W. B. Kynaston 4, H. W. Bishop (conductor) 5, J. Berry 6, S. Palmer 7, H. A. Earl 8, C. J. Gardiner 9, A. E. W. Smith 10.

At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, Deptford, for the morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 37 mins.: E. J. Rivett 1, W. A. Martin 2, E. B. Crowder 3, R. A. Fosdike 4, W. J. Jefferies (conductor) 5, P. S. R. Steers 6, P. C. C. Davies 7, A. F. Benington 8.

At St. Andrew's Church, Plymouth, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 58 mins.: Fred Myers 1, J. Gluyas 2, Sid O'Shaughnessy 3, Alf Mitchelmore 4, W. Hamlyn 5, A. W. Myers 6, T. G. Myers 7, G. H. Myers (conductor) 8. Longest length of Major for treble ringer.

At Bath Abbey, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 51 mins.: T. Grant 1, Miss N. G. Williams 2, H. W. Brown 3, C. Bell 4, A. Prince 5, W. Crocker 6, W. J. Prescott 7, T. F. King (conductor) 8, G. H. Harding 9, J. Hallet and F. Merrett 10.

At St. Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford, Herts, on Sunday morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: V. Matthews 1, W. T. Prior 2, F. Springham 3, H. M. White 4, H. Bull 5, W. W. Tucker 6, F. Bird (conductor) 7, H. Wacey 8. The bells were again rung after the service.

At Tunstall, Kent, 720 Bob Minor: J. Draper 1, W. E. Spice 2, R. Aylett 3, W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor) 4, G. H. Spice 5, W. Spice, sen. 6. In the evening a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. H. Spice 1, G. Kenward 2, W. E. Spice 3, W. H. B. Wilkins 4, S. Taylor 5, J. W. Walker 6, W. Spice, sen. (conductor) 7, G. Webb 8.—On Monday evening, July 8th, a peal of 5,056 Bob Major was attempted, but, unfortunately, through a mistake the bells ran into rounds at 4,900 changes.

At All Saints', Maldon, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) before morning service: H. J. Mansfield (conductor) 1, S. R. Linnet 2, Miss A. E. Waldoock 3, E. G. Ellenger 4, F. White 5, A. South 6, F. Chalk 7, J. Ford 8.

At Christ Church, Armley, Leeds, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 48 mins.: H. G. Grimwood 1, J. Hey 2, H. Lofthouse 3, Miss O'Renton 4, A. G. Gaunt 5, A. Fieldhouse 6, J. Thackray 7, G. Moorhouse (conductor) 8.

At Swinton, Lancs, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: J. Denner 1, S. James 2, A. Wallwork 3, J. Howarth 4, C. Gudgeon 5, J. H. Ridyard (conductor) 6, J. Potter 7, A. Burton 8.

At Penhow, Monmouthshire, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), called ten different ways: A. Flook 1, T. Morris 2, T. Edwards 3, J. Richards 4, A. Freebury (conductor) 5, S. Flook 6.

At Hoole, Cheshire, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor in 45 mins.: J. Benyon 1, G. R. Jones 2, A. Newall 3, P. Swindley 4, W. Weetman (conductor) 5, J. Benyon, jun., 6.

At Killamarsh, 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor and 720 of Nethersale Surprise Minor: F. Parr 1, A. Parr 2, H. Greaves 3, G. Burnham 4, W. H. Torton 5, C. Severn (conductor) 6.

At the Parish Church, Eyam, Derbyshire, on July 6th, an attempt by the local band for a peal of Minor failed through an unfortunate trip near the end of the fifth 720, after 2 hrs. 5 mins.' excellent ringing: V. Dane 1, J. Facer 2, F. Barker 3, W. Barber 4, Rev. W. P. Wright (conductor) 5, K. Facer 6.

At Allesley, Coventry, 720 Cambridge Surprise for evensong at the Parish Church: C. S. Aylett 1, C. J. Hunt 2, H. G. Summers 3, W. A. Skote 4, J. W. Taylor (conductor) 5, G. Gardner 6.

At Cardiff, for evening service, at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Richards 1, P. Heath 2, Miss D. Richards 3, J. Davies 4, F. Chamberlain 5, W. Heath 6, J. W. Moorhouse (conductor) 7, J. R. Barker 8.

At All Saints' Church, Hoole, on Sunday, July 7th, for afternoon service, 1,260 Bob Minor: J. Benyon, sen., 1, G. A. Jones 2, A. Newall 3, P. Swindley 4, W. Weetman (conductor) 5, J. Benyon, jun., 6.

At Lyminge, Kent, for morning prayer, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: G. Sheppard 1, A. Webb 2, E. Hobden 3, G. Webb (conductor) 4, A. Tanton 5, J. Reeves 6, L. Head 7, R. Webb 8. For evening prayer, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Sheppard 1, A. Webb 2, E. Hobden 3, G. Webb (conductor) 4, A. Tanton 5, J. Skeer 6, J. Reeves 7, R. Webb 8.

At Edinburgh, on Sunday morning, July 7th, at St. Mary's Cathedral, 377 Grandsire Triples: G. Marshall 1, Miss Taylor 2, Miss Whitson 3, C. Cleveland Ellis 4, W. B. Sampson 5, Stephen H. Wood (conductor) 6, J. Marshall 7, C. Raine 8.—At St. Cuthbert's U.F. Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: Miss Taylor 1, Miss Whitson 2, J. Adam 3, C. Cleveland Ellis 4, H. Mann 5, W. C. G. Jenkins 6, Stephen H. Wood (conductor) 7, D. Stocks 8.

At Newbury, Berks, after evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: W. H. Adkins, sen., 1, S. Quintin 2, C. Pearce 3, L. Batting 4, R. Rex 5, E. W. Smith 6, H. W. Curtis (conductor) 7, C. Osgood (first quarter-peal) 8. The ringer of No. 4 had not rung a quarter-peal for 15 years. First quarter-peal on the bells since rehanging and retuning by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. This quarter-peal was also a birthday compliment to the conductor.

At Great Baddow, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: Winnie Lewis 1, G. Green 2, G. Watkins 3, Dr. Spencer Phillip 4, P. Green 5, W. Essay 6, H. Mance (conductor) 7, F. Skinner 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. Dawson 1, W. Rice 2, H. W. Mance 3, Percy Green 4, H. H. Mance 5, C. D. Nicholls 6, Dr. Spencer Phillip (conductor) 7, A. Richell 8. St. Luke's, Chelsea, bellringers were on their outing for the week-end at Great Baddow, and members took part in both quarter-peals.

At Llangibby, Mon, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples unfortunately came to grief after two hours: G. Knight 1, G. Hawkins 2, E. W. Luff 3, D. G. Clift 4, A. Hawkins 5, G. Pophell 6, W. Williams 7, J. Matthews 8.

After the Thanksgiving service on Sunday evening, at Sacred Trinity Church, Salford, Manchester, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.: H. S. Kellett 1, Thos. Jones 2, W. Moss 3, A. Lees 4, H. Jones 5, F. Stonely 6, T. Timperley (first quarter-peal) 7, P. Cross 8.

At St. Andrew's, Derby, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes) in 47 mins.: H. Inckle 1, Geo. Ward 2, Chas. Hart 3, Geo. Freebrey (conductor) 4, E. Clarke 5, A. H. Ward 6, W. Wallace 7, P. H. Tate 8.

At Springfield, Essex, a quarter-peal of Minor (consisting of 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Double Court, and 180 Plain Bob): J. Myhill 1, I. Poulton 2, Wm. Hawkes 3, A. Davis 4, W. Prail 5, E. Kemp (conductor) 6. Also rung as a birthday compliment to William Hawkes, who was 84 on the following day, and was one of the first to join the Essex Association when formed at Writtle in 1879. He rings for service nearly every Sunday morning at the above church.

At Hayes, Kent, on Sunday, July 7th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor, taken from Rev. Banks James' arrangement: G. Harwood 1, H. Reader 2, J. Hack 3, O. Gilbey (conductor) 4, F. Keech 5, J. Brown 6.

At Nwuhall, for evensong, in 45 mins., 1,260 Bob Minor: J. Paling 1, H. Hurdman 2, W. Redfern 3, H. Dawson 4, H. Brealey 5, J. Hough (conductor) 6.

At St. Mary-le-Tower Church, Ipswich, for matins, 720 New Cambridge Surprise Royal; for evensong, 265 changes of Stedman Cinques and half a course of Superlative Surprise Maximus; after evensong, 330 and 254 changes of Stedman Cinques, by the following: R. H. Brundle, W. P. Garrett, C. A. Catchpole, C. J. Sedgley, F. J. Tillett, G. E. Symonds, A. Fleming, G. Fleming, H. R. Roper, W. Tillett, H. Shennings, J. F. Tillett, W. J. G. Brown, H. E. Symonds and A. Durrant.

At St. Martin's Church, Gospel Oak, 720 Bob Minor: W. J. Harwin (first 720) 1, R. Newman 2, F. Bonfield 3, E. Young 4, E. Bonfield (conductor) 5, A. Bonfield 6.

At Stratford-on-Avon, at the conclusion of the Thanksgiving service, at Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: A. W. Wright 1, N. Bartlett 2, V. Hunt (conductor) 3, H. Rawhorne 4, H. Brooks 5, A. Preedy 6. First quarter-peal by a local band.

At Barley, Herts, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 43 mins.: F. Hayes 1, W. Mansfield 2, W. A. Tack 3, H. Howard 4, R. Howard (conductor) 5, W. Chapman (first quarter-peal) 6. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 480 St. Simon's, 300 Grandsire), in 42 mins.: N. Hayes 1, W. A. Tack (first quarter-peal as conductor) 2, W. Mansfield 3, H. Howard 4, R. Howard 5, W. Chapman 6.

At St. John's Church, Whittle-le-Woods, a quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major (1,248 changes) in 45 mins.: H. Nelson 1, J. Charnock 2, Adam Blogg 3, E. B. Coxhead 4, F. G. Bradley 5, A. Hartley 6, E. Lawson 7, Alfred Blogg (conductor) 8.

At Great Barr, near Birmingham, after evening service, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins.: G. Merriman 1, Miss E. M. Ludlow 2, Miss B. Pollington 3, R. C. Ingram 4, J. R. Terry 5, W. Terry 6.

**CHESTER.**—For the 42nd anniversary of the opening of the Church of St. Mary-without-the-Walls, on July 3rd, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: A. Watkin 1, R. Sperring 2, H. Lewis 3, M. Harris 4, J. Swindley 5, G. Gerrard 6, S. Jones, jun., 7, P. Swindley (first quarter as conductor) 8.

#### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. MEMBERS STILL ON THE INCREASE.

The annual meeting was held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 29th. The bells at the Cathedral were available from 3 p.m. to 3.45 p.m., and again from 6.15 p.m. to 7 p.m. This privilege was appreciated, as it is only possible to have the use of these bells in alternate years. At St. Mary's and St. Michael's Churches the bells were kept going, with intervals, from 3 p.m. until the evening.

Tea was served at the Minster Cafe, where upwards of 70 members and friends refreshed themselves. While tea was in progress the Bishop of Lichfield (Dr. J. A. Kempthorne) entered the hall and welcomed the members to Lichfield, at the same time kindly inviting the company to inspect his garden and grounds.

The general meeting followed, presided over by the Archdeacon of Stafford (Ven Hugh Bright). The Chairman congratulated the members upon the satisfactory statement of accounts and report of the year's work. The officers were re-elected, with the exception of Ringing Master, to which office Mr. John Perry, of Brewwood, was elected in the place of Mr. John C. Adams, retired.

The following places have been selected for meetings to be held during the year: Wombourne in September, St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, in January, Cannock in April, and Lichfield (for the annual) in June.

The sum of £1 ls. was voted to the Penn bell restoration fund.

When the business was disposed of, the Chairman invited his hearers to visit his garden and to have a 'roll-up' on his bowling green. Those who took advantage of this and the offer from his lordship were well repaid.

The committee, in their report, were happy to state that the society was financially sound, and the number of members still on the increase. Bell restoration in the Archdeaconry was still on the move, the latest additions to the list being the recasting of the ten at Walsall, with two trebles added. This brought the number of rings of twelve in the Archdeaconry up to three, which was unique for so comparatively small an area. The ring of eight at Pattingham had been rehung, while those at Lapley (four) were being rehung, two recast, with the addition of a new treble. The eight at Penn were about to be recast and hung in a new iron frame, ready for opening in the coming autumn. The following peals had been rung during the year: Grandsire Doubles 4, Grandsire Triples 7, Grandsire Caters 2, Stedman Triplets 7, Stedman Caters 2, Stedman Cinques 1, Double Norwich Court Bob Caters 1, Bob Minor 1, Bob Major 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 1, Cambridge Surprise Major 1; total 28. The committee regretted to record, through death, the loss of Albert Addison, of Bushbury, and Eric Lownes, of Kingswinford.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

A meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association is to be held at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, to-morrow. The notice of this meeting reached us too late to appear in our last issue, and we would remind secretaries that all notices must reach us on Tuesday to ensure insertion in the following Friday's issue.

There was Bob Major in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Lawton, Cheshire, last week, yet the tenor was always kept behind. The solution will be found in our peal columns.

Mr. William Hawkes, who took part in a quarter-peal at Springfield, Essex, on Thanksgiving Sunday, is 84 years of age, and still a regular service ringer.

The first peal by a band of ladies was rung at Cubitt Town on July 20th, 1912.

Sunday is the anniversary of the peal of 17,280 Kent Treble Bob Major rung at Over in the year 1923. The peal occupied exactly ten hours.

Forty years ago next Thursday eight James's rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. James', Clerkenwell, for the St. James' Society.

## THE ATTEMPT ON THE MAXIMUS RECORD.

As has already been mentioned in these columns, an attempt is to be made on August Bank Holiday to set up a new record on twelve bells, and the following notice is now formally given:—

'An attempt will be made on Monday, August 5th, to ring 15,312 Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne Parish Church, starting at about 8 a.m., under the auspices of the Lancashire Association and the Ashton-under-Lyne Society.

'Composition, Rev. H. Law James' 29 courses.

'All concerned please note.'

## A HERTFORDSHIRE PEAL REHUNG.

The six bells at King's Walden, Herts, have been rehung in ball bearings, by Messrs. White, of Appleton, the treble having been recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The greater portion of the cost has been borne by Major Harrison, of King's Walden, Bury, within whose beautiful grounds the church is situated.

The first change ringing on the bells since the rehangng, took place on July 10th, when a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung in 44 minutes by A. Gillings (conductor) 1, T. Cann 2, D. C. Mears 3, H. W. Anstee 4, H. Fellows 5, J. Parkyn 6. This was the first quarter-peal by the tenor man, who is one of the local ringers, and the first on an inside bell by D. C. Mears. Mr. H. W. Anstee hopes to form a band of change ringers at his tower in the near future.

## LADIES' GUILD.

### CENTRAL DISTRICT TO BE REVIVED.

The fifteenth annual general meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held at St. Clement Danes' Church, London, on Saturday, July 6th. The attendance was small, only nineteen members being present. Ringing took place in the afternoon and evening, and several members had their first experience of ten-bell ringing.

A short service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford, who gave a very interesting and helpful address. The members were afterwards cordially welcomed to St. Clement's by the Rector and Mrs. Pennington Bickford, who both take a very keen interest in the Guild and its work.

At the business meeting, held in the choir vestry, Miss Steel, the president, took the chair. Five new members were elected.

The accounts showed a surplus on the year's working of £3 14s. 11d., which is a very gratifying state of affairs.

The Secretary (Mrs. E. K. Fletcher) reported that the year had been a very quiet one, no peals having been rung. Keen interest was shown in most districts, but the attendance at some of the meetings was not all that could be desired. The Southern District secretary had met with a serious accident while on holiday, and had been unable to carry on for some time, but was now much better and able to resume her valuable work for the Guild. The Central District had lapsed temporarily, but was being revived in the near future. In all other districts regular meetings had been held, and all district secretaries were thanked for their untiring work. Death had claimed three members, viz., Mrs. A. W. Clark, of Croydon, Miss N. Johnson, of Hinton, near Evesham, and Miss B. Stilwell, of Yateley, all keen ringers and supporters of the Guild. Members were again urged to forward their subscriptions as they became due, and save the secretaries time and expense in collecting them.

Miss Steel was unanimously re-elected as president, and Mrs. Fletcher as hon. secretary and treasurer.

The revised rules were discussed and adopted. It was decided to issue reports this year, and to include under their respective districts the names and addresses of all members.

The next annual meeting was fixed to be held in the Western District, at a centre easily accessible, and it was left to the general and district secretaries to make the necessary arrangements.

The thanks of the Guild are due to the Rector of St. Clement's for his kindness in allowing the meeting to be held, and to Mr. Sergison for making all arrangements.



### RINGING CONTEST AT MELTHAM. NINE TEAMS TEST THEIR SKILL.

The Halifax and District Association's annual meeting and six-bell contest took place at Meltham on July 13th. It was a glorious day, and nine sets had entered the contest. It was decided by the committee that each band should ring 600 changes, any method, and to do away with the usual practice of three leads. The draw was as follows: No. 1, Thornhill; No. 2, New Mill; No. 3, Sandal; No. 4, Friczland; No. 5, Shelley; No. 6, Huddersfield; No. 7, Liversedge; No. 8, Holmfirth; No. 9, Batley; and all the companies selected Treble Bob.

An excellent tea was provided in the school, to which about one hundred and twenty sat down. Ringing was completed at eight o'clock, and the meeting followed immediately afterwards. The president, Mr. E. Earnshaw, occupied the chair. The balance sheet was presented and adopted, on the proposition of the chairman, seconded by Mr. Lawson (Lightcliffe). It showed a slight increase on the year.

Mr. J. E. Carter proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Meltham (Rev. H. F. T. Barter) for the use of bells, also to the churchwardens and ringers, and to the ladies for providing such an excellent tea.—Mr. W. Idle seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.—The Vicar acknowledged the thanks, and said he thought that bellringing went a long way towards this country getting its name of 'Merrie England.' The mother church of that parish was the proud possessor of one bell, and the same bell was used for over one hundred years. He said the people of Meltham went as far as Marsden to meet the lorry which brought the present peal to the church in 1836, and he thought that great credit was due to Messrs. Taylor, the bell founders, as it was still a 'virgin peal.'

The officers elected for the present year were: President, Mr. E. Earnshaw (Meltham); treasurer, Mr. F. Salmon (Halifax); secretary, Mr. L. Hargreaves (Halifax).

The judges (Mr. J. Broadley, Bradford, and Mr. E. Whitely, Meltham) gave their decision on the contest as follows:—

	Penalties.	Faults.	Total.
New Mill	...	Rung out	
Sandal	...	295	295
Friczland	10	254	264
Shelley	...	Rung out	
Huddersfield	...	253	253
Liversedge	...	156	156
Holmfirth	...	142	142
Batley	10	311	321
Thornhill	...	Rung out	

Holmfirth were therefore declared winners of the cup. It should be pointed out that Thornhill drew No. 1, but were unable to ring, and therefore, according to rule, had to ring last.

The Vicar presented the cup to Mr. J. B. Booth, of Holmfirth, and congratulated them, as it was the first time they had won it.—Mr. Booth suitably replied.

It was decided to have the next six-bell contest at Friczland, near Oldham, as the authorities had kindly offered the use of the bells. It was resolved that in future two six-bell contests be held to one eight-bell.

A vote of thanks to judges and chairman closed the meeting.

### THE DISTRICT SECRETARY'S PROBLEM.

A meeting of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Pirbright on Saturday, July 13th. As the bells are rung from the ground floor it proved an ideal place for a meeting on a hot day, as not only was it cool in the ringing room, but just outside the door in the churchyard is a shady tree, under which those not ringing could sit. Members were present from Old Woking, Worplesdon, Pirbright, West Clondon, the Cathedral Church and S. Nicolas, Guildford, and visitors from Croydon, Aldershot, Leatherhead and Beddington. The light ring of six were kept going all the afternoon and in the evening to rounds and methods from Grand sire and Bob Doubles to London Surprise Minor.

The Vicar of Pirbright (the Rev. H. S. Kelsey) conducted the service, and in the course of his address referred to the fact that although the music of the bells could be heard outside the church, the ringers producing it were hidden from view, so that the general public had very little idea of what was really happening in the ringing room. At least one of the members present could not help but think that if the people of Pirbright do not know how their bells are rung it is because they do not want to, for even the oldest inhabitant sitting in his bath chair could see into the ringing room from the churchyard gate. One of the things the District Secretary is sure the ringers did not see is the said secretary a few days before the meeting scratching his head in the middle of the following problem: 'If six members notify you of their intention of attending the meeting, will the weather be fine, and, if so, how many will endeavour to find a place at the tea table?' Fortunately, this time the answer at which he arrived was fairly accurate, for there was ample tea for the 34 who sat down to it.

The Vicar presided at a short business meeting. One new member was elected, and the election of one compounding member was confirmed.

### THE RINGERS' RALLY AT NEWCASTLE.

Between 500 and 600 ringers and friends attended the great gathering of ringers at Newcastle on Saturday, when they were the guests at the North-East Coast Exhibition of the proprietors of the 'Newcastle Chronicle' and Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, founders of the great Wellington War Memorial carillon, which is one of the outstanding features of the exhibition.

A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

### A TRAGEDY OF THE ROAD.

#### CRANLEIGH RINGER'S DEATH FROM MOTOR ACCIDENT.

A distressing fatality has occurred to one of the Cranleigh, Surrey, company of bellringers, Mr. Elwin Charman, a member of an old ringing family, having been knocked down by a motor-car and dying as a result of his injuries.

It appears that on Saturday Mr. Charman was pushing his bicycle up a hill in a rather narrow road near Cranleigh. He paused at the entrance to Hall Place Drive and beckoned out a motor-cycle combination. Before the combination could come out of the drive a motor-car came over the brow of the hill. The two vehicles collided, and the motor-car crushed Mr. Charman against a pillar-box. He was removed to the County Hospital at Guildford, but succumbed to his injuries on Sunday. An inquest was held on Tuesday, when a verdict of 'Death from misadventure' was returned. He leaves a widow and family, with whom the greatest sympathy is felt.

Mr. Charman had been associated with the belfry at Cranleigh for many years. He was an old member of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, and became one of the foundation members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

### LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A most successful quarterly meeting was held at Monmouth on Saturday, when members mustered well from both Monmouthshire and Glamorganshire. The bells, a ring of eight by Rudhall, were recast, it is stated, from the original bells brought over from France and presented to Monmouth, after his successive victories, by Henry V., who was born at Monmouth. Very welcome visitors were the Coseley (Staffs) ringers, who were on their annual outing, and who, prior to the service, took part in the ringing. Service was held at 4.30, both the Vicar and curate taking part, the latter giving a very interesting address.

Following the meeting, tea, which had been very generously provided, was served in the Church Room. The business meeting followed, the Rev. C. K. Smith presiding.

Augmentation, restoration, and instructors' reports were received, and the representatives to the Central Council meeting at Chelmsford presented their report.

Progress since the last meeting in various ways was reported by the hon. secretary, and it was decided to hold the next Monmouth meeting at Caldicot in September, the next Glamorgan meeting to be held at Llantrisant. New members were also elected. After the usual vote of thanks to all who had helped to make the meeting such a pleasant one, special mention was made of Mr. Leonard Jones, the local leader, for all he had done.

The bells were then rung until late, and brought a most successful and pleasant gathering to a close.

### MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

#### SPADE WORK IN PEAK DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Peak District was held at Hope and Castleton on Saturday, July 6th. Ringing commenced on the heavy peal of six at Hope (tenor reputed to be 19½ cwt.), and some amusing antics were witnessed as one after another tried their hands at keeping her going, not the least interested being the venerable and genial Vicar, who seemed quite tickled at the idea that his bells should present a problem to experts in the art. A pleasant chat with the Vicar and local ringers completed the proceedings, the question of the renovation of the bells and the taking up of change ringing by the local company being mooted and courteously received. Several of the locals accompanied the party to Castleton to receive a little variation.

Arrived at Castleton, a very well-going but rather unmusical peal of eight awaited the party, with a tenor about 15 cwt., and good use was made of the bells by ringers from Ashton-under-Lyne, Bakewell, Castleton, Dore, Hope and Sheffield Cathedral, a welcome addition to the gathering being Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft and party from Ashton, who were on a motor tour.

A substantial tea was provided at the residence of Mr. Payne, the genial vergier and steeplekeeper, and a short business meeting followed.

The usual votes of thanks were passed, one new member, Mr. R. R. Somerset, of Hope, was elected, and Eyam was suggested as the next meeting place on the second Saturday in August. Further ringing took place till about 8 p.m., plenty of opportunity being given to the Castleton and Hope ringers, several of whom expressed their intention of attending future meetings.

## JUBILEE OF THE WINCHESTER GUILD.

### FIFTY YEARS OF GROWTH.

The jubilee celebration of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, which took place at Winchester on July 6th, was a great success, over a hundred members and friends being present. The Guild was established at a meeting at Basingstoke on June 26th, 1879, largely as the outcome of efforts that had been made by the Rev. A. Du Boulay Hill (then of Winchester College and now of Berkhamstead), and the Rev. Canon Madge (Winchester). Both these gentlemen, happily, survive, but a number who were actively associated with them are no longer with us. The diocese at that time was a huge one, taking in the county of Hampshire, a big part of Surrey and the Isle of Wight. Change ringers were few and far between, and the means of intercommunication limited. But the spirit of belfry reform was abroad; the enthusiasts worked unsparingly. Various centres became rallying points, and among the practical ringers who did some wonderful spade-work were men whose names should ever remain emblazoned on the records of the Guild, like the late Henry White, the late John W. Whiting, George Williams and others, Mr. Williams having, since his return to the diocese, filled the offices of hon. secretary and Master. Other names which have been prominently associated with the progress of the Guild have been the late Rev. C. E. Matthews as secretary, Master and president, and the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, who was secretary for four years.

The division of the diocese in 1927 led to the towers in the new Guildford Diocese forming their own Guild, but the reorganisation of the remaining territory into the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild has given new life and growth to the old organisation, which to-day is more vigorous than ever. Interest in the jubilee commemoration was shown by ringers throughout the area, and representatives were present at the gathering from the following towers: Basingstoke, Bishopstoke, Blackmoor, Brockenhurst, Christchurch, Fareham, Freshwater, Highclere, Hursley, King's Somborne, Lynton, Micheldever, Milford-on-Sea, North Stoneham, Portsmouth Cathedral, Portsea, Romsey, Ryde, Sherborne St. John, Southampton, Stockbridge, Swanmore, Titchborne, Titchfield, Twyford, Wickham, Whitechurch, Woolton Hill, Winchester, and Yateley.

Among the visitors were Mr. E. Alex Young, hon. secretary of the Central Council, Mr. E. C. Merrett (Brighton), representing the Sussex County Association, Mr. C. T. Coles, hon. secretary of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, Mr. C. T. W. Coles (Walthamstow), Mr. F. E. Dawe (Woking), Mr. S. Quintin (Newbury), and Mr. G. Bull (Binfield). Canon Madge joined the members at the service, but was not able to attend the tea. The two next oldest members present were Mr. G. Williams, who joined at Soberton in February, 1880, and Dr. Beales, who joined at Weybridge in June, 1880. The twelve bells at the Cathedral and the six at St. Maurice's Church were rung during the afternoon, and the members then sat down to tea together in the Masonic Hall. Canon Braithwaite presided, supported by the Master (Mr. G. Williams), Rev. N. C. Woods, the hon. secretary (Mr. G. Pullinger), the Rev. Canon Goodman, the Rev. S. M. Watson (St. Maurice, Winchester), the Rev. Harold S. Morris (Twyford), Mr. E. Alexander Young, Mr. J. W. Elkins, Mr. Wilfred Andrews, etc.

After tea, Mr. G. Williams announced apologies from several, including the Rev. B. C. Taylor (Binsted), Rev. F. C. Sear (St. Mary Bourne), the Rev. W. E. Thomas (Romsey), the Rev. Evan Jones (Hedge End), Mr. A. H. Pulling (Guildford), Mr. H. Barton (Ventnor), and others. He also read letters from the Rev. A. D. Hill regretting that, owing to rheumatism, he was unable to be present and conveying his congratulations. He wrote that he was proud to see that the Guild had grown and prospered so well. The Master also read a telegram of greeting, congratulation and good wishes sent by members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at their annual festival.

### EARLY HISTORY.

Mr. Williams then went on to say that the Guild was founded on June 26th, 1879; he was elected a member on February 25th, 1880, and was probably the oldest member present that afternoon. There was very little ringing and very few ringers in those days, and one had to run all over Hampshire and Surrey to get enough men to ring a peal. The first peal was rung by the Guild on December 27th, 1881, at St. Nicolas' Church, Guildford, and was conducted by Stephen Brooker. Of the eight who took part in the peal, Mr. George Sayers, of Ashted, and Mr. C. Dudley, of Dorking, were the only survivors. The second peal rung by the Guild, and the first in Hampshire, was at Soberton, on January 17th, 1884. That was his first peal, and he was the only survivor. Not till September 24th, 1887, was a peal of Stedman rung by the Guild—the tower was that of St. Peter's, Fareham; the occasion was the birthday of J. W. Whiting, and the conductor was J. W. Washbrook. The next peal of Stedman was by a resident band on August 26th, 1889, also at St. Peter's, Fareham. This was the 50th peal by the Guild in a period covering just over ten years. It was only in recent times that peals in more advanced methods had been rung in Hampshire by resident bands. He would like to see more of the enthusiasm of the old days shown by the younger members in turning up for practices and for Sunday service ringing. In this connection, he

passed on to them the remarks which he read recently in the annual report of the Sussex County Association, reminding members that 'their first duty is to maintain the level of service ringing at the highest possible standard, sparing no pains to attain this end by punctual and regular attendance.' Mr. Williams gave the names of the secretaries of the Guild during the 50 years of its existence as follow: Rev. A. D. Hill, 1879-81; Rev. H. A. Spyers, 1881-90; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 1890-96; Rev. C. E. Matthews, 1896-1902; Rev. E. W. Carpenter, 1902-06; Rev. C. W. Scott, 1906-08; Rev. W. E. Colchester, 1908-12; Mr. G. Williams, 1912-19; Rev. Sir John Herschel, 1919-21; Rev. N. C. Woods, 1921-23; Mr. G. Pullinger, 1923 to the present time. The Master concluded by extending a hearty welcome to visitors from other districts.

The Rev. N. C. Woods said he had two messages to give. One was from the Bishop of Portsmouth, their co-president, who rang him up that afternoon to give his very best wishes and blessing to the Guild, and the other was from Canon Robinson, who also sent his very best wishes (applause).

Canon Braithwaite, who was greeted with applause, said they were grateful to Mr. Williams for the information he had given them. It was always interesting to know the history of any society, because they built their future on the history of the past. They saw the great progress that had been made in the ringing in the diocese, and were glad to see such a large number of young men present on that jubilee day. He did not want to make a speech, but in his position as chairman he wished to give a toast—that of 'Prosperity to the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild of Church Bellingers.' He did this with all his heart, and he hoped that the towers visited that day would be pleased with their work, and that they would go on giving more and more advanced touches as they were able, commencing with simpler ringing and going on further and further. He appealed to the younger members to regard the advice Mr. Williams had given with reference to regular and punctual attendances, by which they would learn more and more of the great and beautiful art of bellringing (applause).

Mr. E. A. Young said it was very kind of Mr. Williams to mention him as a visitor. As secretary of the Central Council, he felt he was there in a representative capacity, and, on behalf of the great body of bellringers throughout the country, he cordially endorsed all the good wishes that had been expressed by the chairman.

Mr. C. T. Coles (Middlesex Association) warmly congratulated the Winchester Guild—which was one of the first in the country—on its success during the past 50 years. In listening to what had been said about those early days, one could but feel that the Guild met a long-felt want. In congratulating them on the past, he wished them even greater prosperity in the years to come (applause).

Mr. E. C. Merritt (St. Peter's, Brighton) also expressed the pleasure it gave him to be present, and added his congratulations on the jubilee.

Rev. S. M. Watson and Mr. F. E. Dawe also spoke. The latter endorsed what Mr. Williams had stated as to bellringing in the days when the Guild was started. There was a difficulty in getting practised ringers in those days; he was living in Devonshire at the time, and they had to go all the way to Oxford to get a man to make up a peal of Grand sire Triples.

### THE DEVELOPMENT OF RINGING SOCIETIES.

The members then attended evensong in the Cathedral, where the Rev. N. C. Woods gave an address from Zechariah xiv. 20, 'The bells—Holy unto the Lord.' He spoke of the first importance of everything which concerned in any way the worship and praise of Almighty God, and said that by no means the least important item was the belfry. He therefore made no apology for addressing them on the subject of bells, bellringers and bellringing on the 50th anniversary celebration of the Winchester Diocesan Guild. 'Worshippers,' he said, 'have, from time immemorial, been summoned to church by the ringing of bells; indeed, the church bells were, for centuries, the only means by which the people knew the time of day. The study of bell lore is an intensely fascinating one. It is so full of romance, and takes us back to early times in a way which cannot fail to hold us enthralled. Who does not know country villages—and, indeed, cities and towns, too—where very ancient customs still prevail in connection with bellringing? What memories bells bring back to us! What associations they have with important events in our lives! As time goes on, and people become less romantic in a utilitarian age, these old customs drop out one by one; but we, in this city, have at least one such ancient custom remaining—that of ringing the curfew at 8 o'clock each night.'

The preacher went on briefly to sketch the evolution of change ringing and the growth of ringing societies from the days of the Scholars of Cheapside, formed in 1603, and the Ancient Society of College Youths, established in 1637. 'The 18th century and the earlier part of the 19th century,' he said, 'are well known as times when matters ecclesiastical were not as we would have them to be, and it is not surprising to read that ringers and ringing were greatly prejudiced in the eyes of the public. However, about half-way through the 19th century things began to improve, and in our own diocese we find our Cathedral ringers being taken in hand by two clergy, one a Minor Canon of this Cathedral, and the other an

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**DEATH OF A YOUNG LANCASHIRE RINGER.**

On Friday, July 5th, there was laid to rest in the graveyard of Halsall Parish Church, Lancashire, the body of James Whittaker, one of the local band of ringers. The deceased was only 19 years of age, and was respected by all with whom he came in contact. He was a most promising young ringer. Four members of the belfry acted as bearers, and shortly after the interment 720 Treble Bob Minor was rung with the bells half-muffled: J. Gardner 1, T. Prescott 2, A. Mawdesley 3, W. Huyton (conductor) 4, H. Serjeant 5, E. Blundell 6.

**VISIT TO YORK.**

The ringers of St. Ignatius' Church, Sunderland, accompanied by the Vicar (Rev. G. H. J. Baily), the curate (Rev. G. D. John), the churchwardens, and by their wives and lady friends, a company of 32 in all, had their annual outing on June 26th, when they visited York. An early start was made, and, arriving at York at 9.20, the visitors were welcomed by two of the Minster ringers, Messrs. Fearnley and Ricketts, who kindly acted as guides, and after a most interesting walk along the city walls a visit was paid to Messrs. Rowntree's Works. The great chocolate makers have very complete arrangements for the entertainment of visitors, and five lady conductors showed the party through the various departments. After dinner at the White Swan, a visit was paid to Escrick, a lovely model village six miles south of York, with a beautiful church which has been restored after being burnt down about five years ago. The belfry is very well appointed, and large enough to have accommodated the whole of the party, and the lovely bells were soon set going in touches of Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Superlative. A real Yorkshire tea followed at the Black Bull Hotel, and full justice was done to it. Heartily thanks were then accorded to the churchwardens for their presence and their contribution to the expenses, a welcome given to the visitors, and thanks to the Dean of York and the Rector of Escrick for the use of their bells, and the secretary for his services in making all the arrangements, in which Mr. Imeson, of the Minster, had rendered valuable assistance. The party were then photographed by Mr. Frank Ainsley, and the visitors and ladies had a walk through the beautiful gardens of the Rectory, by kind invitation of the Rev. Trollope, and the ringers returned to York for a ring on the middle eight of the Minster, but unfortunately they found there was not sufficient time for a ring. They, however, had the pleasure of seeing 'Great Peter' (10½ tons), and learnt with amusement that he is half-raised every day at noon, and continues to sound for 7 or 8 minutes after the ringer leaves the chamber? Reluctant steps were then made for the station, and the party arrived home at 10.45, after an almost 'perfect day.'

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assistant master at Winchester College, who conducted a practice in No. 4, The Close, on December 5th, 1878. In the following year, 1879, we find the same two enthusiasts organising a meeting at Basingstoke on June 26th, at which the Winchester Diocesan Guild of Ringers was actually established. In these early days of the Guild transport was very difficult, and we find that in order to attend a committee meeting at Basingstoke these two men had to walk from Winchester to Micheldever to catch a train to Basingstoke. We also find other members of the Guild walking or bicycling on the old-fashioned high bicycles, all over the diocese, to attend meetings, ring peals, and teach would-be ringers in a way which compels admiration. We even find one early member giving up a good appointment altogether in order to attend a tower to take part in ringing a peal, because his employer would not allow him to leave off for the day! It is a pride and joy to us who are celebrating the 50th anniversary of our Guild's foundation to know that the two clergy, who were virtually our founders, are alive to-day—indeed, one of them is actually here this afternoon. It would not be possible to mention by name all those to whom the Guild has reason to be grateful, but I feel that it is only just and proper that the names of Francis Thomas Madge and Arthur Dur Boulay Hill should be mentioned, as it is to them we owe the inspiration which brought our Guild into existence; and it was in great part their influence, encouragement and enthusiasm which inspired the early members, and caused the Guild—small at first—to become the flourishing institution it is to-day. In conclusion, I would say to the clergy, "Know your ringers, and appreciate the part they take in the worship of the sanctuary"; and to the ringers I cannot do better than quote the words of their present Master (himself one of the very earliest members of the Guild): "I always make a point of turning up to ring for each service on a Sunday, just in the same way as I go to my daily occupation; and I think it is no less than any incumbent can expect of his ringers, that they should endeavour to attend at least one of the services. If a ringer is a conscientious thinker, he will feel it his duty, on principle, to do this." God, Who has brought us through the first 50 years of our existence, bless and keep our Guild, now and in the future; and of His mercy pardon our shortcomings, and accept what we have done, what we do, and what we hope to do to His honour and glory.

In the evening the bells of the Cathedral and St. Maurice's Church were again rung, and parties were made up to visit Bishopstoke, Hursley, North Stoneham, and Twyford, there being a ring of eight at each of these churches.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

A very successful meeting of the South-Eastern Division of the Essex Association was held at Sandon on Saturday, July 13th. The bells were set going just after 2.30 p.m., and at the subsequent service the Rector (the Rev. J. W. Williams) officiated and gave an address. Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Association) read the lesson.

A splendid tea was served at the Crown Inn. Mr. Geo. Green (District Master) presided, supported by Mr. C. H. Howard, the Rector, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Williams, Dr. Spencer Phillips and Mr. H. W. Kirton (District Secretary). Three new members were elected from Danbury and two from Sandon were re-elected. It was arranged to visit Southminster and Tillingham in September, also to hold the annual meeting on November 16th at Galleywood.

Mr. C. H. Howard thanked the Rector for his address, and Mrs. Williams for playing the organ.—The Rector said that he felt very proud to have an association meeting at his church, as they had only five bells. It was the first time there had been a meeting at Sandon, and he hoped that it would not be long before there was another.

There were 31 present, including five lady ringers from Great Bad-dow and Galleywood. Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung on the bells, and the tower at Danbury was also open in the afternoon and evening.

**SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.**

Although rather difficult of access, over 40 members and friends put in an appearance at the meeting at Orsett on Saturday, the weather now being at its best. This was the association's first visit to Orsett since the rebuilding of the church, which was partially destroyed by fire in 1926. The bells were raised at 3 p.m., and were soon going to Kent, followed by touches in various methods till 4.30, when service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. Dewhurst), who, in the course of his address, remarked how pleased he was to see such a fine gathering, and expressed the hope that the association would soon pay another visit to this beautiful church and village. A splendid tea was served on the lawn of Whitmore Arms, to the accompaniment of gramophone records. Tea over, business was soon disposed of, four new ringing and one honorary member being elected, and Barking was selected for the place of next meeting, to be held on September 21st. Other district secretaries are asked to kindly note this date.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Rector for allowing the use of the tower and bells, and conducting the service, to the organist and organ blower, and to Mr. Keeling and members of the local band for having everything in readiness.—The Rector and Mr. Keeling suitably replied. Leytonstone, Tilbury, Romford, Barking, Maldon, Woodford, etc., were the towers represented, and touches of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, Double Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, London, Carlisle, Cambridge and Spliced York and Durham, Cambridge, Ipswich, Ringers' and Primrose Surprise were rung. The afternoon went all too quickly, and all enjoyed themselves at this well-known but rather out-of-the-way village and church.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**

A very successful meeting was held at Everton, near Bawtry, on Saturday, July 13th, when the weather favoured the attendance. The bells were ready early for the visitors. The Rev. F. S. Curtis presided over the tea, served on the Vicarage lawn, and the meeting. He was supported by Mr. H. Haigh (hon. treasurer), Mr. H. Revill (hon. assistant secretary), and 24 members from Anston, Barlborough, Gainsborough, Sutton-on-Trent, Gamston, Warsop, Treeton, Worksop, West Retford, Cuckney, Edwinstone, Scotter, Ordsall, and the local company. It was decided to hold the next meeting at East Markham, on an early Saturday in September. Mr. Haigh mentioned that the Crawford cup would be competed for at this meeting. He said that he would like to see a large entry for this trophy.—The following new members were elected: Arthur Ashby and Edger Eggelston (Barlborough), W. Brunt (Worksop), J. Tomlinson, sen., J. Tomlinson, jun., C. Randall and R. Bromer (West Retford). E. A. Wilson (Sutton-in-Ashfield) was elected a non-resident life member, and Rev. E. Roberson, Vicar of East Markham, a vice-president.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, making arrangements for and presiding over tea and meeting, on the motion of Mr. Haigh, seconded by Mr. Barker.

The bells were kept going until 9 a.m., the methods ranging from Bob Minor to London Surprise Minor.

**FAMILY RINGERS.**

At St. Michael's, Yorktown, Surrey, on June 30th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, with 4.6.8 covering, was rung in 44 mins.: E. Hunt 1, F. J. Ewens 2, F. Marchant 3, H. J. Hunt, sen., 4, B. Hawkins (conductor) 5, Edward Hunt 6, H. Hunt 7, A. Hunt 8. All are Sunday service ringers except 5th and 7th, who are attached members of the band. H. J. Hunt is father of Edward and A. Hunt (twins) and H. and E. Hunt (twins), while E. J. Ewens is a son-in-law.



**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.****DEVIZES BRANCH AT TROWBRIDGE.**

The quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at the beautiful Church of St. James, Trowbridge, on Saturday, July 6th. Ringing commenced on the fine ring of ten bells about 2.45 p.m., and continued till 4.40 p.m., when the Guild service was held and was conducted by the chairman of the branch, Mr. D. G. Heginbotham, the Rectory being vacant, and the priest-in-charge having another engagement. Mr. Howell was the organist. Later, 23 sat down to tea.

A short business meeting followed, at which the chairman referred to the small number present, considering the position Trowbridge held in the Branch. He extended a hearty welcome to the visitors from Swindon.

Mr. Walter J. Tiley, of Burton, was elected a life ringing member.

A communication was read from the general secretary, the Rev. F. L. Edwards, respecting peals for the King's Thanksgiving Day. Mr. S. Hillier gave a report of the proceedings at the Central Council meeting.

On the motion of the Vice-Chairman, Mr. B. Cook, a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Hillier for his report, to the chairman for conducting the service, and to the organist.

The visitors present included Messrs. C. Gardiner, H. Bishop, S. Palmer, W. B. Kynaston, N. Allnott and R. W. Hyner, Swindon, Mr. L. A. Wilson, Wootton Bassett, and Mr. E. Coward, Mere, and members were present from Trowbridge, Devizes, St. John's and St. Mary's, Bratton, Bradford-on-Avon (Holy Trinity and Christ Church), Holt, Rowde, Warminster and Melksham. Touches in various standard methods were rung during the afternoon and evening.

The poet Crabbe was Rector of Trowbridge from 1814 till his death in 1832, and a monument to his memory, inscribed as follows, is on the north wall of the chancel: 'Sacred to the memory of the Rev. G. Crabbe, LL.B., who died on the 3rd of February, 1832, in the 78th year of his age, and the 18th of his services as Rector of this Parish. Born in humble life, he made himself what he was, breaking through the obscurity of his birth by the force of his genius; yet he never ceased to feel for the less fortunate, entering, as his works can testify, into the sorrows and wants of the poorest of his parishioners, and so discharging the duties of a pastor and a magistrate as to endear himself to all around him. As a writer he cannot be better described than in the words of a great poet, his contemporary, 'Tho' Nature's sternest Painter, yet her best.' This monument was erected by some of his affectionate friends and parishioners.'

It was during Crabbe's Rectorate that the first recorded peal (Holt's) on Trowbridge bells (which had been made a peal of eight in 1800 by James Wells, of Aldbourne) was rung by Trowbridge men, viz., March, 1826. And if their spirits ever visit Trowbridge belfry and see the achievements of Sam and his companions, how pleased they must be to see the good work still going on.

**WORSLEY, LANCs.**—With the bells half-muffled, on Monday, July 8th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Mark's Church, as a token of respect to the late Mr. P. Burgess, of Worsley: C. Gudgeon 1, W. Jones 2, M. Berry 3, D. Clarke (longest length of Stedman) 4, J. H. Ridyard 5, F. Grundy 6, J. Potter (conductor) 7, B. Knight (longest length of Stedman) 8.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 23rd, and St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 25th; both at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Westerham on Saturday, July 20th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea (free) after service, followed by business meeting.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 20th (p.v.). Service in Cathedral at 11.15. Preacher: Rev. R. H. A. Bullock, Vicar of St. Laurence, Reading. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30. Tickets 2s. 6d. to members on day of festival; 3s. to non-members. A collection will be taken at the service for the Guild Restoration Fund.—Richard T. Hibbert, 69, York Road, Reading.

**SUFFOLK GUILD AND ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—A joint meeting will be held at Sudbury on July 20th. Bells available from 2 p.m.: All Saints' (8), St. Gregory (8) and St. Peter (8). Tea at W. Suffolk Tea Rooms 4.30 p.m., 1s. each. Meeting follows.—Stedman Symonds, 78, Church Street, Lavenham; Walter Arnold, Earls Colne, Essex, Dis. Secs.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Appledore on Saturday, July 20th. Tea will be arranged. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The sixth annual festival will be held at Tenby on Saturday, July 20th. Tower of St. Mary's Church (8 bells) open for ringing from 10 a.m. to 2.45 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Service at 3 p.m. Preacher: The Lord Bishop of Swansea and Brecon. 4 p.m.: Tea at Church House, by kind invitation of the Rector of Tenby. Business meeting to follow.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Hartfield (6 bells) on Saturday, July 20th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 o'clock, by kind invitation. Half-rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.).—A. D. Stone, Hon. Divisional Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Moreton Corbet on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Tea about 5 o'clock, followed by meeting.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Yateley on July 20th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—D. L. Board, Hon. Sec.



**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Manchester Branch. — The dedication of the new bells of Eccles Parish Church will take place on Saturday, July 20th. Service in church at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1s. 6d. each for those sending their names to Mr. J. T. Potter, 33, Cecil Road, Eccles. Bells open for ringing after service.—J. Hall, Sec.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held on July 20th at Horbling. Bells (a new peal of 6 by Taylor) and also at Billingborough (6) will be available during the afternoon and evening. Service at 4 p.m. at Horbling. Tea and meeting at Tateson's Café, Billingborough, at 5 p.m.—C. T. H. Bradley, The Lodge, Folkingham, Lincs.

**LADIES' GUILD.** — Lincolnshire District.—A combined meeting with the Grimsby District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild will be held at Bigby on July 20th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., in the Schoolroom, at a moderate charge.—A. Richardson, Hon. Sec.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.** — A quarterly meeting will be held at Stoke Coventry, on Saturday, July 20th. Committee meeting at 4.45. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1s. each, in St. Andrew's Hall, Binley Road. Meeting to follow.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Castle Ashby on Saturday, July 20th. The arrangements will be as usual. Permission has been obtained to view the grounds of the Castle. A special bus will leave the Market Square, Wellingborough, at 2.40. Return fare 1s. — F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley and Leicester Districts.—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Stoney Stanton on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify Mr. A. Ballard, Hinckley Road, Stoney Stanton, near Leicester. A good attendance is hoped for, all ringers and friends being welcome. — W. A. Cope, Hinckley District; A. Disney, Leicester District.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bury Parish Church on Saturday, July 20th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—Reports, diagrams, etc., to hand.—John H. Haydock, 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Cawthorne on Saturday, July 20th. Bells ready early. Tea 5 p.m. at the Café. All ringers invited. It is hoped there will be a good meeting at this charming old village. Please write for tea to Mr. H. Crossland, jun., Darton Road, Cawthorne, near Barnsley.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Northern District. — A special meeting for the unveiling of the Ladies' Peal Tablet will be held at Handsworth, Sheffield, on Saturday, July 20th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea to follow, 1/- per head, to all who notify Mr. J. Garth, School House, Handsworth, Sheffield. A good attendance is requested.—H. F. Jacques, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Northern District. — A meeting of the above will be held at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (10)

available from 3.30 p.m. until 8.30 p.m. Service, tea and meeting at 5 p.m. All welcome.—J. A. Waugh, Dis. Sec., 8, Fullers Road, E.18.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ely Archdeaconry.—Meeting at Bourn, Cambs, on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. The service will be taken by Rev. Duffill. Please notify for tea. Postcard will do. Come and ring some of Taylor's best. All welcome.—F. Warrington, Longstanton, Cambs.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Carhampton on Saturday, July 20th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea in the Village Hall at 5. Dunster bells will be available for ringing—Geo. Stacey.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at St. John's Church, Wilton Road, Victoria, on Monday, July 22nd. Ringing commences at 7.30 p.m.—S. C. Moye, Gen. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m., Business: Nominations for vice-president, treasurer, secretary and Central Council representatives. The Bolton Borough Police have placed their bowling green at the disposal of ringers and their friends on Saturday, Aug. 10th. Usual arrangements. Names, please, by Aug. 6th. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203 Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (N. & E. District) AND HERTFORD ASSOCIATION (St. Albans District).**—Joint meeting at Hadley, July 27th. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Barnet bells available during evening. Members and friends of both associations are cordially invited, but please advise your district secretary by July 24th if you require tea, for which 1s. will be charged.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4; Wm. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Surfleet (10 bells) on Saturday, July 27th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Business meeting afterwards. Those requiring tea must let me know first post Wednesday, July 24th.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Church Street, Pinchbeck, Spalding.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Shoreham, on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Further particulars next week. Half fares up to 2s. paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — Marshland Branch.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Marsham on Saturday, July 27th. Tower open at 2 o'clock. Tea, 1s. 6d. each to members and friends, who must send to me their names not later than Wednesday, July 24th.—W. G. Cross, Hon. Sec., 16, St. James' Road, King's Lynn.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bath Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Bathampton on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Numbers for tea by July 22nd.—Theo. Grant, Hon. Sec., Swainswick, Bath.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Sturry, where the six bells have recently been rehung, on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify Mr. Ernest Slingsby, Park View, Sturry, on or before Thursday, July 25th?—P. W. Smith, Hon. Sec.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Wyke Regis on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting of the Southampton District will be held at Dibden on Saturday, July 27th. Bells from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. Numbers for tea by July 23rd.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Sprotborough on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) ready early. Will all ringers please make their own arrangements for tea. A good attendance is requested.—Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 34, Silverwood View, Conisborough.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul, Shoreham, on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea at Ye Olde George Inn at 1s. 4d. per head. Members requiring tea must notify me by first post Tuesday, July 23rd. Half fares up to 2s. paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby and Chesterfield Districts.—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Crich, Derbyshire, on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in the belfry at 4.30 p.m. A good attendance is hoped for. All ringers and friends welcome. Tea may be obtained in the village.—Geo. Freebrey, 81, Roe Street, Derby, John P. Tarlton, 16, Bright Street, North Wingfield, Local Secs.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at North Curry on Saturday, July 27th. Service 4.30. Tea and business after. Will those requiring tea notify me by previous Tuesday.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A joint meeting of the Elloe Deaneries and Eastern Branches will be held at Surfleet (10 bells) on Saturday, July 27th. Service at 3.30. Tea at 4.30. Names for tea must be sent to Mr. J. Phillips, The Schoolhouse, Butterwick, Boston, or to Geo. Ladd, Pinchbeck, Spalding, not later than first post Wednesday, July 24th.—Geo. Ladd, Pinchbeck.

**ALDENHAM.**—Saturday, July 27th. Ringing from 3.30. Tea (Village Club) 5.30. Cheap tickets from all stations to Bushey (nearest station). Buses to church from Bushey to Watford. Number for tea by 23rd.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey (Tel. City 4270).

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Also Henlow, if able to arrange. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 27th, at Olveston. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service (probably) 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Will members make a special effort to attend, advising me not later than the 23rd inst.?—Harry Bennett, Branch Hon. Sec., Highfield, Runswick Road, Brislington.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bramshott on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea (by kind invitation) in the adjoining grounds. Will those intending to be present kindly inform me by Tuesday, the 23rd? All ringers heartily welcomed.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Gullesborough Branch.—A meeting will be held at Long Buckley on July 27th. Usual arrangements.—R. Adams, Hon. Sec., East Haddon, Northants.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The next meeting will be held at Newington on Saturday, July 27th. Tower opened at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea (by kind invitation) and business meeting afterwards. Will all ringers who intend to come please let me know not later than Tuesday, July 23rd?—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Marlborough Branch.—The next meeting of the branch will be held on Saturday, July 27th, at Preshute, half-mile from Marlborough. Ringers requiring tea kindly notify the secretary.—Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., East Leaze, Baydon, Marlborough.

**ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting of the above Guild will be held on Saturday, July 27th, at Kingsnorth, in conjunction with the church fete. Meat tea for Guild members at 1s. per head. Bells available 2 p.m. Short service 4.45. Tea 5 p.m. It is hoped as many members as possible will attend and help forward the church and bell restoration. A card to Mr. H. Parkes, Lynton, Kingsnorth, by July 24th for tea will oblige.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next monthly practice has been arranged at Lane End, near High Wycombe (6 bells), on Saturday, July 27th, at 4 p.m. Tea, at 1s. 3d. per head, at 5.30 p.m., for those who notify by 22nd.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Ardleigh on Saturday, July 27th (by kind invitation of W. E. Neuth, Esq. and the Vicar). Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15 p.m. All intending to be present please notify me by Tuesday, July 23rd.—R. W. Stannard, 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Farnborough on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. All those requiring tea please notify by Wednesday, July 24th.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Rd., Aldershot.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts District.—A meeting will be held at Great Staughton on Saturday, July 27th.—Tea at 5.45 p.m. Service 6.30. Will those requiring tea please send a card to Mr. F. Lack, Great Staughton Post Office, St. Neots, or let me know by Wednesday, July 24th?—C. Fields, Dis. Sec., High Street, St. Neots.

**DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The Summer meeting will be held at Darlington on Saturday, July 27th. The bells of St. Cuthbert's, St. John's and Holy Trinity will be available after 2.30. Committee meeting at 4.15 and tea (1s. 3d. per head) at 4.45 at Hunter's Cafe, Prebend Row. Will members intending to be present please let me know not later than the 25th?—Geo. S. Taylor, Secretary, 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at Shore on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—Wm. Horan, Branch Secretary, 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Calverley, on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the church. Buses leave Leeds every hour and 40 minutes past each hour.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A general meeting of the Guild will be held at Bridgnorth on Monday, August 5th (Bank Holiday). Ringing from 2 p.m. Service at St. Leonard's 4 p.m. Tea (free to Guild members) 4.30 p.m. Fuller details next week.—H. S. T. Richardson, Hon. Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Peterborough Branch. —The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Peterborough on Monday, Aug. 5th. Service in St. John's Church at 4 p.m. Tea, 5 o'clock, at Woodcock Café. Business meeting afterwards. The bells of St. John's, St. Mary's and Woodston will be available during the day. Tea will only be provided for those who let me know by Tuesday, July 30th.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

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