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## BREAK IN A LONG CHAIN.

This "leader" is one into which we feel compelled to introduce a personal note, for, following upon it, will come a gap in a hitherto unbroken series of articles which have run for one thousand two hundred and twenty-six weeks—in fact, from the very first number of 'The Ringing World,' which was published exactly twenty-three and a half years ago. Throughout this period the duty and the pleasure of filling this space has fallen to the lot of one man. One pen alone has been responsible, and the Editor has never failed to realise the opportunity and the responsibility, as well as the privilege offered to him. Few people connected with the art of ringing have had such an opportunity of directing thought and moulding opinion in the Exercise as the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' and the responsibility has not been lost upon him. Without egotism it may be said that the object always kept in view has been the elevation of the art and practice of change ringing, as well as of the status of the ringers themselves. It may have been—perhaps often—that many readers have disagreed with the views propounded; but we hope and believe that the Art and the Exercise have, on the whole, benefited as a result of what, since the year 1911, has appeared in print in this column. Our main purpose has been to provoke thought and, if necessary, action. If we have succeeded even to a small degree in this, the weekly privilege exercised for more than twenty-three years will not have been exercised in vain.

Now, however, comes a time when this long chain of weekly articles will be broken, although only temporarily, we hope. The Editor is one of those privileged to make the ringing tour to Australia, and when these lines appear in print the voyagers will be somewhere in the Mediterranean Sea. With the ever-increasing distances which the travellers are daily putting between themselves and the homeland it would, of course, be impossible for one of them to fill this column with contributions on current topics. It has, therefore, been thought best, even after such long-established custom, to make a definite break in the series. In the interval this column will be filled with notes from another pen, which we have no doubt will prove completely acceptable to our readers. For the succeeding weeks, until the return of the travellers from the other side of the world, we leave this column with confidence to other hands. The material with which it will be filled will be diversified and interesting; it may even be provocative—we don't know—but we are sure the readers of 'The Ringing World' will find in it new matter for thought. Indeed, it is perhaps just as well that, after all these years, some other mind

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should be able to express opinions in the most valuable space of this—as of any other—paper, the leader column. And so, for a time, the Editor takes leave of his readers, although he hopes to keep in touch with them intermittently on other pages.

## NOTES BY THE WAY.

### THE AUSTRALIAN TOUR.

More than two hundred years ago Benjamin Annable and a party of College Youths landed at Calais and rang a course of Cinques on the handbells. Since that time several bands of ringers have gone abroad and done some ringing or other; but never has there been a tour so far-flung and so ambitious as that which started from the London Docks last Friday in such fine weather and with such a hearty farewell. The party take with them the affection and the good wishes of the whole Exercise. They go to take our age-old art to a country that was not heard of till long after ringing was a well established English institution. They are assured of a cordial welcome and the success of the tour is almost certain from the first. What they will be able to do in the way of peal ringing remains to be seen. The conditions are totally unlike a peal ringing tour in England, the proportion of lost peals through bad going bells is sure to be very much higher, and there are not many towers to pick and choose from. But to ring peals is not the main object of the journey. Whether few or many are rung is a minor thing. What we are hoping for is a big advance in the practice of change-ringing in the towers of Australia.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

## TEN BELL PEAL

NEWBURY, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 12, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILLARS, 5004 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

MISS STELLA DAVIS ... .. Treble	ERNEST J. TAYLOR ... .. 6
MISS PATRICIA HOLLOWAY ... 2	HARRY W. SMITH ... .. 7
WILLIAM HIBBERT ... .. 3	REGINALD W. REX ... .. 8
CYRIL J. HIBBERT ... .. 4	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... .. 9
STANLEY C. DAVIS ... .. 5	EDGAR HUMFREY ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 10, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST BRETT ... .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 5
*REV. E. BANKS JAMES ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 7
ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 4	JAMES BENNETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

\* First peal in the method.

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**BOLSTERSTONE, YORKSHIRE.**  
**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wednesday, September 12, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Mary,*

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5182 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN R. BREARLEY ... .. Treble	J. HILTON SYKES ... .. 5
ARNOLD HAIGH ... .. 2	JOHN A. BREARLEY ... .. 6
*VICTOR COPLEY ... .. 3	CHARLES H. GILLOTT ... .. 7
*WILLIS HAIGH ... .. 4	JAS. H. CHARLESWORTH ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by J. A. BREARLEY.  
\* First peal.

**SUTTON, SURREY.**

**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wednesday, September 12, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

*At the Church of All Saints, Benilton,*

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

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

RONALD H. DOVE ... .. Treble	ALFRED J. CLAYTON ... .. 5
KATHLEEN M. BRADFORD ... .. 2	GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 6
EDWARD G. TALBOT ... .. 3	DANIEL D. COOPER ... .. 7
*W. CYRIL SMITH ... .. 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.  
\* First peal in the method. E. G. Talbot's 50th peal. D. D. Cooper's 200th peal. First peal in the method on the bells. Arranged in honour of the presentation of the Charter of Incorporation to Sutton and Choban by the Acting Lord Mayor of London, Lord Ebbisham.

**SLOUGH, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.**

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BECKS BRANCH.)

*On Thursday, September 13, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

*At the Parish Church of St. Mary,*

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

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

LEONARD S. STILWELL ... .. Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	*WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 6
GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 3	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 4	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.  
A farewell peal for Messrs. Martin and Fussell before sailing for Australia. A birthday peal for Mr. Fussell (September 16th), who completes his 1,000th, rung during the past 52 years.

**ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.**

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

*On Thursday, September 13, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Mary.*

**A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

*R. NARBOROUGH ... .. Treble	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... .. 5
EDWARD C. GOBEY ... .. 2	WILLIAM THORNLEY ... .. 6
*WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN. ... .. 3	HENRY HARRISON ... .. 7
WILLIAM P. STIRLAND ... .. 4	EDWARD F. GOBEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by E. F. GOBEY.  
\* First peal in the method.

**RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.**

**THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Thursday, September 13, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Peter,*

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 22 cwt. 8 lb. in E flat.

GEORGE H. ROBERTS ... .. Treble	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... .. 5
WALTER PERKINS ... .. 2	FRANK KIRK ... .. 6
ALFRED H. MARTIN ... .. 3	HARRY CHAMBERS ... .. 7
MISS EVELYN STEELE ... .. 4	JACK STUBBS ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JACK STUBBS.  
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

**RYDE, I.W.**—On Sunday, August 26th, for evensong at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): H. Flower 1, W. Collett 2, F. W. Pervens 3, H. R. Passmore 4, P. Long 5, W. A. Siver 6, A. Brading 7, A. R. Ward (conductor) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor (Mr. A. R. Ward), who wishes to thank the visitors ringing 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 for making a touch in this method possible.

**EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM, YORKS.**

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

*On Saturday, September 15, 1934, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Stephen,*

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... .. Treble	*NORMAN CHADDOCK ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. THYNG ... .. 2	SIDNEY BRIGGS ... .. 6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... .. 3	*HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ... .. 7
*CHARLES POULTENAY ... .. 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 249). Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS  
\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Treble Bob.

**WOMBOURN, STAFFORDSHIRE.**

**THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**

*On Saturday, September 15, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Benedict,*

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

THOMAS A. TOWNSEND ... .. Treble	*LESLIE KEY ... .. 5
HARRY HILL ... .. 2	*HENRY L. LANGLEY ... .. 6
BARNABAS G. KEY ... .. 3	JOHN GOODMAN ... .. 7
THOMAS J. MARTIN ... .. 4	JOSEPH DAVIES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. GOODMAN.  
\* First peal. † First peal 'inside'. Quarterly peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Bishop of Stafford.

**UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.**

**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, September 15, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*

*At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,*

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*WILLIAM HALFORD ... .. Treble	*WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 5
FRANK LAWRENCE ... .. 2	*GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 6
*ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. 7
SYDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 4	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.  
\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

**LELSTON, SUFFOLK.**

**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Saturday, September 15, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Margaret,*

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

Tenor 20½ cwt.

CHARLES WHITING ... .. Treble	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 5
*WILLIAM C. BUNN ... .. 2	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 6
FRANK L. FISHER ... .. 3	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 7
JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 4	JAMES G. RUMSEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. BENNETT.  
\* First peal in the method. First Surprise peal as conductor. Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. E. Bailey, son of the ringer of the 4th, on the eve of his 21st birthday. Also to oblige the conductor whilst on a week-end visit from London.

**SHAW, NEWBURY, BERKS.**—On September 9th, for the harvest festival, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) with ten different callings: E. A. Palmer 1, S. Quintin 2, T. Fisher (first quarter 'inside') 3, A. W. J. Bird 4, H. W. Curtis (conductor) 5, F. J. Owen 6. Rung after evensong.

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WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1934, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,  
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5162 CHANGES;

Tenor 2½ cwt.

JOHN CHARNOCK ... .. Treble	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 5
JAMES W. GROUNDS ... .. 2	FREDERICK G. BRADLEY ... 6
FRED RIGBY ... .. 3	ALFRED BLOGG ... .. 7
JOHN BOOTH ... .. 4	WILLIAM SHARPLES ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (417). Conducted by J. CHARNOCK.  
First peal as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,  
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

GEOFFREY W. CLAYFIELD ... Treble	*JOSEPH W. COTTON ... .. 5
JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... .. 2	EDWARD C. GOSBY ... .. 6
ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 3	RONALD H. DOVE ... .. 7
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE ... 4	COLIN HARRISON ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.  
\* 50th peal. The composition has 4-5-6 only in 5-6, except two courses when 3rd is in 5th.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

HADDENHAM, CAMBS.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
(CENTRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 8, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. (approx.).

GEORGE WEYBROW ... .. Treble	FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. 4
FRED THURBORN ... .. 2	ROBERT SMITH ... .. 5
FRED C. GINN ... .. 3	MANSFIELD GINN ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 8, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... Treble	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 4
HARRY D. LISTER ... .. 2	GEORGE W. ABLITT ... .. 5
SHELFORD SPARROW ... .. 3	GARNEAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

First peal in six methods on the bells.

WESTON-UNDER-PENYARD, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 11, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

THOMAS BEVAN ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... .. 4
JOHN J. WEBB ... .. 2	ALFRED T. POULTON ... .. 5
CHARLES L. SADLER ... .. 3	WILLIAM POSTON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

LITTLE OILART, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 13, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1,440 changes of Stedman, 2,640 of Grandsire and 960 of Plain Bob, 20 different callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in A flat.

*MRS. JEFFREY PACK ... Treble	WILLIAM J. HENNIKER ... 4
ALEXANDER WADDINGTON ... 2	WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 5
MISS GLADYS PACK ... .. 3	†FRANK J. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Conducted by A. WADDINGTON.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles in three methods. First peal of Doubles on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

WILDEN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two six-scores with ten callings.

PERCY CUNNINGTON ... Treble	LEONARD A. WILLIAMS ... 3
HERBERT L. HARLOW ... .. 2	FRANK C. TYSON ... .. 4
TOM BARTRAM ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by H. L. HARLOW.

The ringers thank the Rector for providing tea after the peal.

EVERTON, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of a 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double and Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR MULVEY ... .. Treble	C. RONALD SMITH ... .. 4
MISS K. BURCHNALL ... .. 2	HAROLD DENMAN ... .. 5
MISS G. BURCHNALL ... .. 3	ROBERT W. STOCKDALE ... Tenor

Conducted by R. W. STOCKDALE.

First peal and first attempt by the treble ringer. Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Swindin, of Everton, Mr. Swindin being a member of the local band.

STOKE EDITH, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 15, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

*ERNEST SALMON ... .. Treble	*ALBERT HURCOMBE ... .. 4
†ALAN GWYNNE ... .. 2	WALTER TAYLOR ... .. 5
FRANK DOWNES ... .. 3	HENRY TAYLOR ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER TAYLOR.

\* First peal in the method. † 50th peal.

GREAT MISSENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 15, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Double Court, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... Treble	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... 4
HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 2	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 5
WILFRED EDWARDS ... .. 3	TONY PRICE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

First peal in more than one method on the bells.

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FELKIRK, YORKS.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 15, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being seven extents in the following order: Capel, Sandal, Burton, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Kent and Oxford.

HAROLD CHANT ... .. Treble	JOHN R. MATTOCK ... .. 4
WILLIAM GREEN ... .. 2	DANIEL SMITH ... .. 5
GEORGE LORD ... .. 3	ARTHUR GILL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. CHANT.

Rung as a wedding compliment to W. Palmer, of Manor Farm, Badsworth, who was married at Ackworth on the same day. The band wish him much happiness. The conductor has now rung each bell in this tower through a peal.

PATRINGTON, YORKS.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 15, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK,

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

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent, Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES W. GODDARD ... .. Treble	GEORGE T. DOBBS ... .. 4
MARTIN WALKER ... .. 2	JOSEPH ATKINSON ... .. 5
GEORGE ATKINSON ... .. 3	WALTER M. GODDARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. M. GODDARD.

First attempt for a peal as conductor on tower bells.

**A SOMERSET WEEK.**

The following peals are the result of a week's tour in Somerset:—

BLAGDON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 10, 1934, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

KENNETH SNELLING ... .. Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 5
KEITH HART ... .. 2	C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 6
JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... .. 7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

First peal of Major on the bells.

BARROW GURNEY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 10, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, ST. EDWARD,  
KING AND MARTYR, AND THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 5
NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 2	JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 6
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 7
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... .. 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

First peal in the method in the county and by the association.

CONGRESBURY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 11, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 35 cwt. in C.

NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 5
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... .. 6
KEITH HART ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 7
C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

First peal of London on the bells. 200th peal by the ringer of the treble.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 11, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 23½ cwt. in E flat.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Treble	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 5
NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 2	JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 6
ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... .. 7
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 4	RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 12, 1934, in Three Hours & Twenty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. Treble	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... .. 5
KEITH HART ... .. 2	JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 6
NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 7
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

KNOWLE, BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 12, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY NATIVITY,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 5
C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 6
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... .. 7
JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

First peal of Bristol on the bells.

BURNHAM-ON-SEA, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 13, 1934, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 23 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROGERS ... .. Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 5
NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 6
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 3	C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 13, 1934, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

KEITH HART ... .. Treble	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... .. 5
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 2	JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 6
NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 7
C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

CORSTON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 14, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 5
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... .. 2	JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 6
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 3	NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 7
C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

First peal of Bristol on the bells. 200th peal by the ringer of the 2nd.

**TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.**  
**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Friday, September 14, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,**

**A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE, & SUPERLATIVE  
 SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Being 2,944 London, 608 Bristol and 736 each of Cambridge and Superlative, the two latter methods being rung in alternate parts.  
 Tenor 13½ cwt.

KEITH HART ... ..	... Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH ... ..	5
KENNETH SNELLING ... ..	2	JACK M. CRIPPS ... ..	6
NELSON ELLIOTT ... ..	3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... ..	7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... ..	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... ..	Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. LAW JAMES Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS

First peal of Spliced Surprise in the county and by the association.

**WRINGTON, SOMERSET.**

**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, September 15, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,**

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 37 cwt. in C sharp.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... ..	... Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS ... ..	6
HERBERT W. KNIGHT ... ..	2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... ..	7
C. ERNEST SMITH ... ..	3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... ..	8
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... ..	4	RICHARD F. DEAL ... ..	9
NELSON ELLIOTT ... ..	5	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... ..	Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

First peal of Surprise Royal on the bells and by the association.

**CLEVEDON, SOMERSET.**

**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, September 15, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,**

**A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE AND  
 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

NELSON ELLIOTT ... ..	... Treble	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... ..	5
KENNETH SNELLING ... ..	2	JACK M. CRIPPS ... ..	6
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... ..	3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... ..	7
C. ERNEST SMITH ... ..	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... ..	Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

This peal contains 2,944 London, 608 Bristol and 736 each of Cambridge and Superlative, the two latter methods being rung in alternate parts.

**RINGERS WHO ARE PAID.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Your excellent leading article on 'Ringers who put money first' is most opportune; but there are other aspects to the subject. In addition to paid Sunday service bands, is it not time the practise of giving honorariums to or paying instructors was also discouraged? To receive payment of this kind, to my mind, shows a grabbing spirit. For instance, I know of two ringers who unhesitatingly hold out an open hand for an annual sum for teaching a band change ringing. One evening a week a car is sent to fetch these two ringers to the tower in question, where a short practice takes place, and provision made for their return journey. This part of the business is all right; but what these men are paid to do has been going on now for well over four years, and still the tower is with only four ringers to ring its eight bells! In contrast to this, there is another tower in the same neighbourhood which had two voluntary instructors to teach a band a little over two years ago, and in this case ten ringers take part each Sunday in the ringing of its five bells.

A short time ago I heard of another case where a tower foreman formerly paid for every member of his band to go to an annual commemoration dinner. Two years ago he decided to test their spirit, and dropped his practise. Each year since only one of the band has put in an appearance at this dinner. Are such men any good to the cause of change ringing?

P. AMOS.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

**PRAYERS FOR AUSTRALIAN TOURISTS.**

The thoughts of many ringers are extended to the Australian tourists. At the half-yearly meeting of the Northern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild at Brigg on Saturday, a prayer was included at the service on behalf of those who had started on the Australian tour.

The attendance was disappointing, but there was no lack of enthusiasm among the 29 members present. The following towers were represented: Bigby, Burton-on-Stather, Elsham, Gainsborough, Grimsby, Lincoln, Scotton and Scunthorpe, in addition to the local company. The bells, a nice light ring of six, were available, but, owing to illness near the church, ringing during the evening was cancelled.

Owing to the temporary closing of the church for the installation of a new heating apparatus, the service was held in the Parish Hall, at which the Ven. Archdeacon H. T. Parry (Grimsby District president) officiated in the absence of the Vicar (the Rev. F. Burgess), who was away on holiday. Mr. G. H. Moody presided over the musical part of the service. The Archdeacon gave a very homely address.

An excellent tea at the Central Cafe was followed by the business meeting, at which Archdeacon Parry presided. Apologies of absence were received from the following: Canon H. R. Burrows (Grimsby), Messrs. George Chester, J. A. Freeman, J. Walden (Lincoln), E. Dawber (Gainsborough) and R. Richardson, Surfleet (Guild Ringing Master). Mr. J. Bray proposed that the next half-yearly meeting be held at Louth, with Scunthorpe as an alternative. Mr. C. McGuinness seconded and this was agreed to.

At the previous (annual) meeting Mr. C. H. Baker gave notice of his intention to propose at the next half-yearly meeting a resolution re grants to various towers from the branch. Not having done so, this did not appear on the agenda, but the members agreed that he should be allowed to submit his motion. The resolution was: 'That the committee be asked to consider ways and means of fixing a limited sum of £5 to any application, each one to be considered on its own merits, and the mentioned sum to be the maximum.' Mr. H. Morgan seconded. As an amendment Mr. F. W. Atkinson, jun., proposed: 'That when the balance of the branch's funds is below £50, no grant should be made, and that when a grant is made it should not exceed £5.' With the consent of the members, Mr. Baker then withdrew his resolution and seconded Mr. Atkinson's amendment. As a further amendment Mr. Bray proposed and Mr. McGuinness seconded: 'That a definite reserve fund of £50 be fixed, and when near the margin of that amount no grants be made, and when above cases should be dealt with on their merits.' After a considerable amount of discussion, Mr. Bray's amendment was carried.

A letter was then read from Mr. Richardson in regard to the branch's proportion toward the cost of the photos for the Australian tour. These consisted of two photos each of the Cathedral and Louth Parish Church. This was agreed to by the members and unanimously carried. The business meeting concluded with the usual vote of thanks, after which, through the kindness of Archdeacon Parry, the members were able to proceed to Bigby, where touches in various methods were rung during the evening. The methods during the proceedings varied from Bob Doubles to London Surprise Minor, also rounds for the less advanced.

**BENHILTON RINGERS' OUTING.**

Benhilton ringers had an enjoyable outing on September 8th, when ringing took place at the following towers: St. Mary's, Staines; St. Paul's, Slough; All Saints', Maidenhead; and the Parish Church at Windsor. Everyone was puzzled over the stained glass window at Slough with its problem picture, and wished that Mr. Fussell was there, as no doubt he could have explained it. All were struck with the magnificence of Windsor Parish Church, which is said to hold 1,300 people. Some of the patriots of the party thought that they would like to sit in the King's pew, and accordingly sat in the large pew with the coat of arms. Imagine their disappointment when told that they had merely occupied the Corporation seat! Home was reached soon after 11 p.m., everyone being pleased with the outing. The opportunity is taken here of thanking all the incumbents for the use of the bells, and the local men met on the tour for their cordial hospitality.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

A by-meeting of the Alton and Petersfield District was held at Froyle on Saturday, August 25th, when members were present from Alton, Blackmoor, Bishopstoke, Froyle, Farnham, North Stoneham, Portsea, Petersfield, Steep, Soberton, Wickham and visitors from Ash, Farnham and Godalming, 32 in all. The bells were rung from 2.30 until 4.30, when the Guild's office was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. C. H. Sangster.

The members were kindly entertained to tea by Sir Hubert Miller at the Shrubbery House, after which a short business meeting was held. This over, Sir Hubert personally showed the party round his beautiful grounds, which were greatly enjoyed and admired.

Ringing was resumed afterwards, the methods ranging from Bob Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor.

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**BURNHAM RINGERS' OUTING.****FOUR THAMES-SIDE TOWERS VISITED.**

The 'very first' of the St. Peter's Society, Burnham, Bucks, took place on Saturday, September 8th. Leaving the tower at 1.30 p.m., the 'Beech-nuts' travelled by coach via Wargrave to Henley, and were met by Mr. Appleby at 2.30 p.m. Ringing until 3.15. Everyone aboard and away across country to Goring, Mr. Bower to meet us. Ringing 4.15 till 5 p.m. Across the river again, the coach sped us on to Stone's Cafe for 5.30 tea at Pangbourne. Ringing at Pangbourne, being met by Mr. Webb, from 6.15 until 7 p.m. Away again to Sonning, where Mr. Wright was awaiting us for ringing from 8 until 8.45.

This young society (formed April, 1932) did remarkably well on these four fine rings of bells—Henley with its 22 cwt. and Goring 8 cwt. tenors. Not once during the day did any touch come to grief, and although the party was only eleven strong, one member is 12, one 13, two 14 and one 16 years of age. Triples only were rung at Henley and Sonning. At Goring a course of Bob Major was aspired to and rung. On the Pangbourne six, Kent and Plain Bob Minor and one 120 of Bob Doubles, treble 16, second 12, third (conductor) 14, fourth 14, fifth 13 and tenor 62 years of age. (Look out, F. E. D.)

Favoured by glorious weather, beautiful scenery, splendid bells, a cordial welcome at all towers, a time table kept with military precision and a coach that seemed to have an unending supply of fruit, crisps, biscuits, ginger-pop for the younger element (and, of course, the older members were also catered for), two mandolines, a concertina and banjo and some lusty voices, there was never one sagging moment. When Burnham was again reached just before 10 p.m. there was a chorus of 'When do we have our second outing?' Our thanks to all incumbents and steeplekeepers for giving us a day that will always be fresh in our memory.

**DEATH OF A RINGER'S WIFE.****MRS. A. T. BAKER, OF ILKESTON.**

After a long and painful illness, patiently borne, Mrs. Annie Baker, wife of Mr. A. T. Baker ('Irenæus Pistor'), of Ilkeston, Derbyshire, passed to her rest on September 4th, by a strange coincidence the birthday of her husband. Mr. Baker, as many of our readers know, is afflicted with blindness, and the death of his wife is a double blow. Mr. Baker has left to him his daughter Muriel, who has courageously borne the heavy task of watching over and nursing both her parents.

Mrs. Baker, who had a great love of bells, was laid to rest last Saturday close to the tower of All Saints' Church, Kirk Allum, where she was married.

**MR. H. WINGROVE'S 200 PEALS.**

	Rung Conducted	
Stedman Cinques	2	
Cambridge Surprise Royal	1	
Kent Treble Bob Royal	1	
Stedman Caters	2	
London Surprise Major	23	3
Bristol Surprise Major	11	
Cambridge Surprise Major	*49	11
Superlative Surprise Major	32	4
Yorkshire Surprise Major	4	2
Norfolk Surprise Major	1	
Rutland Surprise Major	1	1
Lincolnshire Surprise Major	2	1
New Cambridge Surprise Major	4	2
Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Spliced Major	1	
Kent Treble Bob Major	2	1
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1	
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	29	5
Bob Major	6	5
St. Clement's College Bob Major	1	
Stedman Triples	*17	2
Grandsire Triples	1	
Oxford Bob Triples	1	
Surprise Minor in seven methods	1	
Cambridge Surprise Minor	3	1
Minor in seven methods	1	1
Minor in three methods	2	1
Bob Minor	1	
Total	200	40

\* Includes one non-conducted.

**WEDDING BELLS.**

The bells of Holy Trinity Church, Barrow-on-Humber, were rung on Saturday last for the wedding of Mr. James Wright and Miss Ethel Crowder, second daughter of Mr. W. Crowder, who has been nearly 40 years a ringer. The weather was glorious and the following ringers took part: Ed. Stainton 1, Frank Elliot 2, Ed. Fowler 3, Thomas Johnson 4, J. Barrick 5, H. E. Dannatt 6. Afterwards the ringers were entertained at the bride's home, and at 5 p.m. the bells were lowered in peal as the bride and bridegroom left Coxhill Station en route for Scotland, where the honeymoon is being spent.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Owing to the oppressive heat and visitors gaining access to the ringing chamber, the band of ringers from London and Newcastle were not successful with the peal of Stedman Triples at Durham Cathedral on Saturday. The band, unfortunately, came to grief after 1 hour and 30 minutes of good ringing.

This week we record two ringers who have rung their 200th peal—Mr. Nelson Elliott, a member of the Somerset tourists' party, and Mr. Daniel D. Cooper, a member of the Surrey Association.

We understand that the trouble at St. Benet's, Cambridge, will shortly be put right.

There are now living eight men who have rung one thousand peals. They are W. Pye (now in the last hundred of his 2,000), G. Williams, F. Bennett, G. R. Pye, J. George, A. H. Pulling, J. E. Davis and W. H. Fussell. We shall expect to hear that they intend to attempt a peal together, though that will have to wait until the party returns from Australia. Three other men, now dead, also reached the 1,000 mark—the Rev. F. E. Robinson, E. Pye and A. R. Shade.

The band that rang the peal of Cambridge at Washingborough wish to withdraw the note stating that it was the first peal in the method on the bells.

## THE EXERCISE AT BRISTOL.

### DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB CATERS ANNIVERSARY.

To-morrow (Saturday), September 22nd, is the 40th anniversary of the first peal of Double Norwich Caters. The peal was rung by members of the St. Michael's Juniors Society of Gloucester, at the Church of St. Stephen, Bristol; it was conducted by John Austin, who had in the previous year (on March 11th, 1893) conducted the first peal of Major on the bells, also Double Norwich.

If the history of ringing in Bristol be carefully examined, there can be no doubt whatever that the ringing of these peals had a great beneficial effect. Ringing had reached a low ebb, what peal-ringing there was done was chiefly in the Grandsire method, an exception being the peal of Treble Bob Major at All Saints' in 1890, which was conducted by G. T. Daltrey, now the worthy churchwarden there.

The formation of the St. Stephen's Guild soon after the St. Michael's Juniors had rung their peal of Caters was the first step in the upward movement. There were other good ringers in Bristol who were outside the association, and the progress that was being made at St. Stephen's roused their mettle. While the St. Stephen's Guild failed time after time to ring a peal of Stedman Triples, the non-association men met at All Saints' and rang several peals, generally on Tuesday evenings, the St. Stephen's practice night. The writer listened to the last hour or so of several of the peals, and can vouch for the accuracy of the striking. The same may be said of the ringing at St. Stephen's, neither band could or did criticise their rival's striking.

The first local peal of Double Norwich Major was rung by the same band in 1898, and then came the struggle for the first peal of Superlative. Time after time both towers attempted peals on the same night, and after one band had broken down, the first thing they did was to listen if the others were still ringing. After a long time it was rung at St. Stephen's on January 16th, 1899. The other band did not try again.

The outcome of this struggle was excellent in every way. The two bands united for practice of Stedman Cinques at St. Mary Redcliffe, and the first peal was completed on the last day of 1899, or very early in the morning of the next day.

Cambridge Major at St. Stephen's in 1900, London at All Saints' in 1903 and Bristol at St. Stephen's in 1912 are further steps in the advance of ringing in Bristol.

ANON.

## THE FINCHINGFIELD PEAL BOARD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—I am much obliged to Messrs. D. H. Elliott and T. E. Slater for their letters which have appeared in 'The Ringing World' with regard to the above. I may say that I had not seen the board and was under the impression by remarks made by Mr. W. Smith, of Dunmow, who rang the 7th in the peal on August 25th last and who had seen the board, that it recorded a peal of Kent, but this is not so. By the courtesy of Mr. C. H. Howard, who has supplied me with the information, I am now able to give full particulars. On the 30th May, 1925, was rung at St. John's Church, Finchingfield, Essex, a peal of 5,120 changes of Oxford Treble Bob Major in 3 hours and 17 minutes: Matthew Ward 1, James Bennett, jun., 2, James Bennett, sen., 3, Thomas Rannow 4, David Smart 5, Samuel Francis 6, Richard Miller 7, William Spicer 8. Called by Mr. Miller.

This will, I think, set all doubts at rest about a previous peal of Oxford on the bells, and, I may add, Mr. Slater's letter gives us the information as to how the board came to be removed out of the belfry. I am informed by Mr. Howard that an offer was made to the landlord of the inn to replace the board in the belfry, but, alas, before this good intention could be carried out, it was destroyed by fire. I think that the Essex Association might with advantage give the matter their attention, viz., the care of old peal boards so as to prevent any destruction of any in the future.—Yours truly,

Rye Lane, Peering.

W. KEEBLE.



# THE AUSTRALIAN TOUR.

## THE VOYAGERS SET SAIL.

SS. BARRABOOL: Saturday.

'The great adventure' has begun. We are in the English Channel, making for Plymouth, which will be our last contact with the homeland before we head south. Whatever lies before us, yesterday will be a day of great recollections. What excitement; what a send off!

An unexpectedly large gathering of ringers assembled at Liverpool Street Station to bid the tourists farewell, showing the extraordinary interest which this epoch making trip to Australia has evoked. Each of the travellers

received a more than cordial greeting on arriving at the departure platform entrance, where the sound of the handbells soon attracted a large crowd. Newspaper reporters were active with their interrogations, and Enid Richardson was to them the heroine of the hour. We left amid rousing cheers.

A number of those who had come to see the departure travelled with the tourists to King George V. Dock, and boarded the liner, which towered above the quayside. All the bustle associated with the departure of a big steamer was a source of great interest and intermittently the handbells were to be heard. They created a great deal of interest among the passengers and the visitors, many of whom had been able to come aboard the ship.

At length the warning bell sounded and the visitors left the vessel to assemble on the dockside, where patiently they waited in the hot afternoon sunshine till at length, something like an hour later, the 'Barrabool' was pulled away from her berth by tugs, and cheers from the watchers on shore and the din of handbells clanged over the vessel's rails.

But it was not the last we saw of many friends. The vessel had to pass through the lock into the Thames, and while this operation was in progress familiar figures were to be seen among the waiting crowd until at last, with a whoop from her siren, the good ship was hauled into the river and turned her nose towards the sea. And as she did so, and London slid by on either side, and Greenwich and Gravesend were passed, it was inevitable that thoughts should turn to loved ones left at home.

Our send-off had been truly great. Mr. and Mrs. J. Cotterell and Mr. Tom Maude came from Yorkshire to see us depart; Mr. James George travelled specially from Birmingham to represent St. Martin's Guild; Mr. J. Corbett made a journey to London to bid farewell to a co-officer of the Guildford Guild; ringers from all corners of London turned up in force; the Secretary of the Central Council (in the absence of the President, who was in Belgium but sent a letter of good wishes) was present to wish us 'God speed' on behalf of that body. And so we feel that we have started under the happiest auspices.

As the glorious September day drew to its close, with the sun sinking, a golden orb, through the haze that marked where London lay, we slipped past Tilbury and away into the night.

We have a full ship and among the passengers are thirty boys and thirty girls from Dr. Barnardo's Homes going to a new land to begin a new life. They are bound for Australia.

### MISSING THE FIRST MEAL.

Almost before we left the dockside we knocked up against a rule of the ship which has, I think, made a lasting impression. At any rate, I shall not forget it. Anxious to see the last of the many friends who came to

the docks to see us off, we stayed on deck to ensure seeing the last of them—and lost our tea. Afternoon tea 'comes off' at 4.45, and no amount of cajoling would induce the stewards to produce at 5 o'clock even so much as a cupful for the, by this time, very thirsty travellers. But, of course, there is always the bar. Some of us had made up our minds—subject to what Father Neptune has to say about the matter—not to miss a meal, and here we are, everyone of us having missed the very first meal of the cruise! It won't happen again from the same cause!

We had one pleasant surprise before we left the dock. Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Johnston, of Croydon, and Miss Nora Johnston came on board in the final minutes to wish the travellers 'bon voyage' and brought with them a truly magnificent box of chocolates for the ladies of the party and the gentlemen 'if they are good.' Up to the present the gentlemen do not seem to have been good enough.



THE TOURISTS ON THE SS. 'BARRABOOL.'

Reading from left to right: Mr. W. Linter, Mr. G. Martin, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, Mr. R. Richardson, Miss Enid Richardson, Mr. J. Harcastle, Mr. C. Sharples, Mrs. Richardson and the Rev. E. Banks James. It is to be regretted that only the left hand of Mr. W. H. Fussell appears.

[Photo by courtesy of the 'Daily Sketch,' London.]

## THE AUSTRALIAN TOUR

(Continued from Page 601.)

At dinner we all turned up wearing the sprigs of white heather 'for luck,' very kindly distributed to the travellers by Miss Hilda Mills before we left London. Prior to the evening meal, however, we had been assembled at boat stations for lifebelt instruction. Rupert now knows that you do not climb into one of these contraptions feet first. He could not by any possible means pull it up over his waistline.

### ORGANISING SECRETARY'S HECTIC DAY.

Last Thursday Mr. W. H. Fussell, the organising secretary of the tour, rang his one thousandth peal. It was a peal of Superlative Surprise at Slough, conducted by George Martin, and was rung as a farewell to these two ringers before their departure. To-morrow is 'Old Bill's' birthday, and the double event is going to cost him something. He found his bed well timbered last night, and to-day the ship's mail has taken back a consignment of wood to a certain Cookham builder, who left a message on the miniature plank, 'I wood do something silly.' He'll think so when he has to pay the excess postage.

We have had an official meeting this morning, when the O.S. presented the many telegrams and letters of good wishes he has received. To all those who have sent these messages to the tourists, either individually or collectively (they are too many to acknowledge separately), the travellers tender their sincere thanks. By the way, the steward awoke 'Old Bill' from his beauty sleep last night to give him the last batch of telegrams. But he didn't mind. The doings of the great day had left him entirely happy.

After our official meeting this morning four of us started for a handbell peal of Bob Major on the upper deck in the sunshine. It was not long, however, before a fog came down and the bells went on to the intermittent accompaniment of the ship's foghorn. Presently the hooter called one hob too many for us, and a 'wrong' came up where a 'home' ought to have been. And that was that. By the way, we have bought this little corner of the upper deck from the shipping company—at least, we have got it on approval.

### LATEST NEWS.

Since the peal attempt the O.S. has been teaching Barnardo's boys to ring handbells.

## MYSTERY OF A CHANGE COURSE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Re Mr. Cave's explanation of how a peal of Stedman Triples went out at the top (it makes very interesting, or is it amusing, reading), anyway we know now what happened, 'or don't we'? Will some of the other merchants in the attempt say something about it. Please do. It will be a lot more interesting than seeing records of peals rung. Personally, I am rather fond of inquests. It was good fun the last time I was on the jury, until they fastened it on to me. Even so, why worry. Someone has to be the culprit if a peal does go up in the attempt. Further, who will worry about it in 50 years' time. Smile, Mr. Cave, smile!

F. H. DEXTER.

Grandison, 4, Stuart Street, Leicester.

## FIRST 720 IN ARGYLLSHIRE.

On Saturday, August 11th, at Dun a Bhuilg, Achnamara, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor: Dilys M. Lewis 1-2, W. H. J. Hooton (conductor) 3-4, E. H. Lewis 5-6. Believed to be the first 720 in the County of Argyll.

## A GREAT SEND OFF.

SHOWERS OF COPPERS FROM BYSTANDERS AS HANDBELLS SOUND ON PLATFORM.

It is not easy to say how many ringers were present at Liverpool Street last Friday to bid farewell to the band starting for Australia, but there were certainly more than fifty. They came from many parts and represented many associations. Among them were Messrs. George W. Fletcher (hon. secretary, Central Council), A. A. Hughes (Whitechapel Foundry, treasurer, Ancient Society of College Youths), E. P. Duffield (Master of Essex Association), Mrs. Fletcher (hon. secretary, Ladies' Guild), Messrs. G. Steere (treasurer Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), C. T. Coles (hon. secretary, Middlesex Association), A. W. Coles and J. A. Trollope (vice-president of Middlesex Association), J. Corbett (hon. treasurer, Guildford Diocesan Guild), J. Parker (Society of Royal Cumberland Youths) and the Rev. C. E. Wigg (Deputy Master, Oxford Diocesan Guild. Mr. James George came up specially from Birmingham to represent the St. Martin's Guild. Other ringers present included Mrs. Deal, Mrs. Barker, Messrs. E. J. Butler (district secretary, Essex Association), J. E. Davis, W. T. Elson, H. Kilby, C. C. Mayne, R. Saunders, E. C. S. Turner, C. W. Pipe, J. Bennett, F. W. Thornton, W. J. Nevard, T. Fowler, J. Cornford, H. Hodgetts, A. J. House, A. P. Cannon, A. McCombie, G. B. Lucas, G. R. Simmonds, F. W. Housden, G. Dawson, A. Prior, L. A. Jones, E. O. Goldsmith and C. S. Burden, Mrs. C. T. Coles, Mrs. Deal, Mrs. G. E. Barker, Miss B. M. Mills, Mrs. Goldsmith, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Renshaw and others.

### 'ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL.'

Mr. Rupert Richardson produced his handbells, and a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on the platform by Mrs. R. R. Richardson 1-2, J. A. Trollope 3-4, R. R. Richardson 5-6, Mrs. Fletcher 7-8, G. W. Fletcher 9-10. Considering the excitement and the circumstances, it was quite a good course and drew a shower of coppers from bystanders, which, sad to say, disappeared before the band had finished and could collect them. Inside the barrier there was a small army of Press photographers waiting, and then Mr. Fussell, mounting on a luggage truck, proceeded to sing. We thought it was going to be 'Auld Lang Syne,' but it turned out to be 'All things bright and beautiful.' Whether Liverpool Street Station, the Great Eastern Railway and London by the Docks are to be included in the things bright and beautiful is a point open for discussion.

Quite a number of friends went on further to the Docks and saw the party safe aboard. Here they were joined by Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Cotterell, of Leeds, Mr. and Mrs. T. Maude, of Pudsey, and Mr. F. J. Cullum, of Erith. The cabins were inspected, and cameras and Rupert's 'movie' were busy, and the handbells brought into use. A course of Bob Royal was started, but the ship's people dropped what seemed like several tons of coal into the hold just behind the tenor man, and whether the treble kept right and all the others went wrong, or whether the treble was wrong and all the rest kept right, or even if all were wrong and none were right, no one knew or ever will know. So a course of Stedman Triples was rung instead.

### THE FINAL SCENE.

After about an hour and a half the bell sounded for visitors to leave the ship, and we waited on the quay for the final scene. Further along another party was seeing friends off, singing what we took to be hymns, while one gentleman with a mighty voice and a megaphone at intervals inquired of some other person or persons in the far distance if he were saved. Then the moorings were cast off, and with hats waving and handkerchiefs fluttering the great ship slowly moved away from the quay while the music of Grandsire Triples reached us, fading away as the 'Barrabool' passed down the dock.

We had one further glimpse of the party. Going through one or two streets we met the boat again as she passed out of the dock into the river. More waving of hats and handkerchiefs, and then the ship slowly swung round and headed for the open sea and the uttermost parts of the earth.

## SUTTON CHARTER DAY RINGING.

Sutton (Surrey) received its Charter as a borough on Wednesday of last week, and to celebrate this the bells of All Saints', Benhilton, were rung a lot during the day. In the morning the locals attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples, but a halt was called after nearly an hour's ringing, due to a shift course. After some Stedman, a good quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the following: G. Rayner 1, G. Reed 2, F. Randall 3, H. Good 4, G. Chiverton 5, E. Enticnap 6, W. C. Smith 7, R. Foreman 8. In the evening Mr. O. H. Kippen conducted a peal of London Surprise Major, this being the first in the method on the bells.

## RINGER'S SILVER WEDDING

On Saturday afternoon, September 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Catherine's, Pontypriid, to commemorate the silver wedding of the leader of St. Catherine's bellringers: John Hallett (conductor) 1, Fred J. Thyer 2, George Kerney 3, Edward Ern 4, John Darch 5, George Mead 6, William Lambert 7, Bert Sheldon 8. First quarter for ringers of 6 and 7.

## MISS EVELYN STEEL'S 200 PEALS.

As stated in our last issue, Miss Evelyn Steel has completed her 200 peals. They include the first peal rung by ladies only, which, although it was 'only' Grandsire Triples, was an outstanding landmark in the history of the Exercise. Miss Steel has been President



MISS EVELYN STEEL,

President of the Ladies' Guild, who rang her 200th peal at Dunstable on September 8th.

of the Ladies' Guild since 1926. The following is the complete list of the peals:—

Two methods Doubles	2
Stedman Doubles	2
One to six methods Minor	20
Seven methods Minor	71
Seven Surprise methods Minor	26
Cambridge Surprise Minor	2
London Surprise Minor	1
Grandsire Triples	5
Stedman Triples	8
Bob Major	11
Double Oxford Bob Major	1
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	22
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	7
Yorkshire Surprise Major	1
Cambridge Surprise Major	3
Superlative Surprise Major	10
Grandsire Caters	3
Stedman Caters	1
Bob Royal	2
Kent Treble Bob Royal	1

200

## MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

**WEST WICKHAM, KENT.**—On Wednesday, August 29th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes, 10½ different callings): M. F. Oakshett 1, H. Mackinder 2, Mrs. H. Oakshett 3, A. S. Richards 4, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 5. Great credit is due to the treble-man, as, with the exception of two 120's of Bob Doubles, it was his first touch away from the tenor.

**LLANGOLLEN.**—On August 27th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. C. Ellis 1, J. Bailey 2, E. Wyse 3, N. Horspool 4, J. Jones 5, R. G. Park 6, A. Bailey (conductor) 7, O. Downham 8. This was the first quarter-peal by the band.

## WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION AT BEWDLEY.

## A CHANGE OF OFFICERS.

A new Ringing Master and a change in the secretaryship was the principal business at a meeting of the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association meeting at Bewdley on Saturday. The bells were available to the members until the service in church, conducted by the curate (the Rev. D. W. Rowe), in the unavoidable absence of the Rector (the Rev. C. Raymond Hollis).

At the business meeting the Rev. D. W. Rowe presided and gave the association a most cordial welcome to Bewdley. Mr. H. F. Martin (Bromsgrove) said he wished to relinquish the office of Branch Ringing Master, and Mr. T. Hemming, of Brierley Hill, was elected to the vacancy. Mr. W. B. Cartwright (Selly Oak) was unanimously elected branch secretary in place of Mr. A. J. Skelding, who also wished a change. Mr. W. H. Webb, of Halesowen, was re-elected branch representative on the Central Committee. It was recommended that Canon M. S. Newland, of Stourbridge, and the Rev. T. C. De la Hay, Vicar of Bromsgrove, be considered for election by the Central Committee to be clerical vice-presidents.

The secretary referred to the death of the Rev. T. A. Cooper-Slipper, Vicar of Kinver, honorary member of the association, and it was proposed that the secretary write a letter of sympathy to the family. The members also stood in silence for a brief period. He also mentioned the serious illness of the Vicar of Kidderminster, Canon Sladen, and it was agreed that the secretary send him a letter with the best wishes of the members for a speedy recovery. Several new members were elected. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the retiring officers for their good work on behalf of the branch.

A special appeal was made by Mr. H. G. Bird asking members and outside friends to do all they possibly could to help the Kidderminster band to raise the £100 needed to make the bell restoration a complete success.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to the Rev. D. W. Rowe for presiding and taking the service, and also to the organist (Mr. H. Cullam) for his services. Thanks were also expressed to the Rector for the use of the bells and allowing the meeting to be held at Bewdley. The Chairman, replying thanked the members sincerely for their very kind vote of thanks.

## STEDMAN'S BELLS.

## To the Editor.

Sir,—By his remark (shrinkage humbug!) is Mr. Osborn going to ignore the laws of nature and tell us that wood is not subject to shrinkage? In quoting his case of a restoration in 1906 where the bells were hung on wood headstocks, he seems to overlook the fact that timber put into buildings 30 years ago was far different to what is used to-day. The bellfounders themselves have more than once been heard to admit that to get well seasoned wood is now almost a thing of the past. True enough there must be hundreds of rings hung on the old principle, but how many in recent years? If the old principle is satisfactory, why is it that the foundries nearly always take the cannons off and relang in iron headstocks nowadays? Like many others, I am of opinion that had this been done at St. Benedict's, the bells would have gone many more years without complaint.

'RINGER.'

## MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AT STAINES.

## RETIREMENT OF MR. W. PICKWORTH.

The delightful weather of the present Indian summer prevailed on Saturday, when a meeting of the South and West District was held at Staines. The river was indeed an attraction, and the non-ringing visitors spent several happy hours on its banks.

The tower of St. Mary's has for many years been of secondary importance on these ringing occasions at Staines, but this year the whole of the proceedings took place there. The bells were rung from 3.30 until after 8, with an interval for service and tea, etc. Methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to Spliced Surprise Major were rung under the direction of the R.M., Mr. Tom Collins. Shortened evening-song and an address took place at 5 o'clock, conducted by the Vicar's deputy, the former being on the sick list. Tea was served in the Church Hall and the business meeting followed. The Rev. H. E. McLeod, of Shepperton, was elected an hon. member, and Mrs. C. J. Matthews became a ringing member. Details of the next meeting at Hillingdon on October 6th were given, and it was decided to hold a meeting at Acton in November, probably on the 3rd.

Mixed feelings of regret and good wishes were expressed about the news of the retirement and removal to Hastings of Mr. W. Pickworth, vice-president of the North and East District. His value to the association both officially and unofficially has been immense, and would be realised more and more as his absence became felt. All wished Mrs. Pickworth and he a happy retirement. Thanks to the local authorities and ringers concluded the meeting.

Upon learning that the wife of Mr. W. Parker, a veteran member of St. Peter's band, had been interred that day, the evening visit to that tower was cancelled and St. Mary's revisited.



**'DOWN SOMERSET WAY.'****TWELVE PEALS IN A SUCCESSFUL WEEK.**

Following the successful tours of the past two years by the young band, it was decided that the venue this year should be Somerset, with the Golden Lion Hotel, Wrington, as headquarters. Arrangements were duly made by Mr. F. W. Rogers, under the guidance of Mr. J. T. Dyke, and by train and motor-cycle the tourists, seven of whom were bachelors, duly met on Saturday, September 8th, at Barrow Gurney. There proved, however, to be an early disappointment, as the peal could not be attempted owing to the non-arrival of Mr. G. Williams, who, at the last moment, had to absent himself from the tour owing to a family bereavement.

There being no bells available for a peal attempt on the Sunday, after ringing for morning service at Wrington, the opportunity was taken of accepting the very kind invitation of the Rector of Blagdon to ring on the bells there during the afternoon and for evening service and to partake of an excellent tea at the Rectory, and the tourists attended evening service. The tourists very much appreciated the very pleasant afternoon and evening at Blagdon and wish to thank the Rector for the invitation.

The two Monday towers originally selected, Chew Magna and Chewton Mendip, were cancelled at practically the last moment owing to illness near the church in each case, much to the regret of the party, as both these peals have a fine reputation. Arrangements were quickly made, however, for Barrow Gurney and Blagdon as substitutes, and the peals were duly rung.

Details of the week's performances will be found elsewhere, and 12 peals, all in a Surprise method, were rung with no failures. The striking during the week was splendid and a good standard was kept up throughout in spite of numerous blisters which had to receive nightly attention. The conducting was very ably shared by Messrs. Roberts and Rogers, no one else being keen on calling. During the week quite a number of local ringers turned up at the various towers to wish us success, a few of them taking part in the peals, and the tourists very much appreciated the kind thoughts.

**PRaise FOR LOCAL BELFRIES.**

Long draught of rope and heavy weight predominated, but the tourists' general impression was of the grand impressive peals and the usually good state of the bells, ropes and belfry. Only in a few cases was it found necessary to do any splicing or oiling.

Our local guide and friend was Mr. J. T. Dyke, who helped us with suggestions owing to his knowledge of local conditions. Transport facilities were awkward, as there was no car in the party until Mr. Bayley turned up on Wednesday, and Mr. Rogers and his bus time table were inseparable, he generally finding a bus for the occasion.

The ringers were very sociable and there was plenty of fun between peals. Mention might be made of a plant of the 'cactus' variety which a certain member found in his bed one night, and the Saturday midnight walk to the Harvest Home at Redhill by all the party under local guidance. Just up the road in Somerset seems to indicate about three miles, but it was very pleasant, although one of the party lost his prize on the Bridgwater Road.

The Golden Lion fully lived up to its reputation as a home from home for ringers, everything was good, especially the food, and this means a lot to hungry ringers. Sunday service ringing during the week was performed at Wrington, Blagdon and St. Stephen's, Bristol.

In conclusion, the party wish to record their great appreciation of Mr. Rogers' untiring efforts in all the organising and arranging. He always had things planned out, and to show their appreciation he was presented with a fountain pen. The party eventually broke up with the knowledge of something attempted something done, and wended their various ways homeward with the happy thoughts of a pleasant week spent 'down Somerset way.'

C. E. S.

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**NOTICES.**

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on the 27th at 7.30.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting will be held at Tattenhall on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells available from 3. Short service at 4.45, with address by the Vicar, the Rev. Wilfred Goode. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Reports ready for distribution. — H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Leatherhead District. — A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Epsom, on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Usual arrangements for ringing, etc., with tea in the Church Hall.—A. H. Smith, Dis. Sec., Tudor House, Howard Road, Great Bookham.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Oakley on Saturday, September 22nd. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. — J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Yateley.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — A general meeting will be held at Tickhill on Saturday, Sept. 22nd, when the eight bells will be available from 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. A meeting of the general committee will be held in the Parish Room at 4 p.m. Tea (1s.) at Wombwell's Café at 5 p.m. The general meeting will be held in the Parish Room immediately after tea. Buses leave Waterdale, Doncaster, every twenty minutes for Nottingham, Worksop, Mansfield and Chesterfield, and the return fare to Tickhill is 1s. A corporation bus, No. 17, also leaves All Saints' Square, Rotherham, at 1.30 p.m., and return buses to Rotherham leave Tickhill at 6.15 and 9.15 p.m. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Throwley, near Faversham, on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—The quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Wigston Magna on Saturday, September 22nd. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. A good meeting is requested.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Horton (six bells) on Saturday, September 22nd, at 3 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH, BURRY PORT, CARMARTHENSHIRE.**—The restored ring of five bells will be reopened on Saturday, September 22nd. Bells available for ringing from 3.30 p.m.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, London. — The usual monthly ringing will take place on Sunday, Sept. 22nd, at 5.30 p.m. Visitors will be very welcome on this and any other fourth Sunday in the month. *Please note my new address.* —James G. A. Prior, 8, Chapman House, Lower Chapman Street, St. George-in-the-East, London, E.1.



**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Berks Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sunningwell on Saturday, September 22nd.—Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Please notify.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

**ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Benenden on Saturday, September 22nd. Bells ready 2.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton and Wigan Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Westhoughton Parish Church on Saturday, September 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Peter Crook and William O. Farrimond, Hon. Secs.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Marham (Norfolk) on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—Edward Barker, Shouldam, King's Lynn.

**ST. MARTIN'S-BY-LOOE, CORNWALL.**—Ring of 6 (tenor 9½ cwt.) rehung in a new frame with new fittings by Gillett and Johnston. Re-dedication by the Rev. W. S. Picken, M.A., on Sunday, Sept. 23rd, at 11 a.m. All ringers welcome.

**HOLMFIRTH, YORKS.**—On Wednesday, September 26th, at 7.30 p.m., the Lord Bishop of Wakefield will dedicate the new ring of eight bells by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Central Branch.—In connection with the re-opening of the bells at Littleport, near Ely, rehung by Taylor and Co., a peal is being arranged, if possible, for Wednesday, Sept. 26th. Those wishing to stand in please let me have names by Monday, 24th. A full diocesan band is hoped for, but others will have every consideration. If possible Cambridge Surprise Major will be rung. — F. Warrington, Central Branch Sec., Mill Road, Over, Cambs.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting at Rochdale, Saturday, September 29th. The following towers will be open for ringing: Rochdale Parish Church (8 bells), Balderstone (8), Milnrow (8), and Hamer (6). Service in Parish Church 4 p.m.; preacher, Rev. S. Hutchinson, M.C., M.A., Vicar. Tea in schools in Coventry Street 5 p.m. at about 1s. 6d. Names please to Mr. J. W. Ormerod, 5, Chapel Street, Platting Lane, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 26th. Business meeting in school 6 p.m. P.S.—Bring some money for your dinner tickets for Manchester on October 27th.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Kingswood on Saturday, September 29th. Bells from 3 to 8.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Please notify for tea by the 25th.—G. F. Hoad, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Banstead on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea, with meeting following, 5 p.m., at the Victoria. All ringers heartily welcome. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. F. G. Woodiss, 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey, not later than Thursday, Sept. 27th.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Brede on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. All ringers very welcome. Tea, 6d. per head, for those who notify me by Wednesday, 26th.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Hallows', Bispham, on Saturday, September 29th. Bells available 3 p.m.—J. H. Foster, Branch. Sec.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—East Devon Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Broadhembury on Saturday, September 29th. Bells (6) available 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 1s. each, and meeting Drewe Arms, 5. All ringers cordially invited.—John H. Godfrey, Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary.

**ESSEX, HERTFORD, MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND THE LADIES' GUILD.**—A joint meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, September 29th. Bells (12) from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea in Victoria Hall 6 p.m. In order that adequate arrangements can be made for tea, will all those intending to be present advise E. J. Butler, 313, Mawneys Road, Romford, without fail?—E. J. Butler (Essex Association), W. H. Lawrence (Hertford Association), C. T. Coles (Middlesex Association), Edith K. Fletcher (Ladies Guild).

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—The annual dinner will be held in the Small Hall of the Public Hall, Worcester, on Saturday, September 29th, at 6 p.m. The Master, Mr. W. Short, will be in the chair. The bells at All Saints' (10), St. John's (8) and St. Nicholas' (6) will be available at 4 p.m. Tickets, 2s. 6d. each, may be obtained from members of the committee, the branch secretaries and the undersigned, and should be applied for before September 24th.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

**NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.**—The annual cup contest will be held at Gamston on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Contest commences at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. The bells (6) open to visitors after tea. All who require tea must notify Mr. R. Ashforth, Gamston, Retford. Good bus service from all directions. Good attendance requested.—C. R. Smith and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Rothwell on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the church. Business meeting 7 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Shepton Beauchamp on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells available from 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome, but those requiring tea please inform D. G. Taylor, Cornhill, Ilminster.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wool on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and short business meeting to follow. Bere-Regis and Puddletown bells also available.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke-Regis, Weymouth.

**FOBBING, ESSEX.**—On Saturday, Sept. 29th, the Bishop of Barking will dedicate the new treble bell installed by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, to complete the peal to six. Service 3.30 p.m.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Somersham on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. An invitation is extended to all branches of the Ely Association, when the bells will be re-opened for ringing after being rehung by Mears and Stainbank.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND LADIES' GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—Joint meeting.—A general quarterly meeting of each will be held on Saturday, Sept. 29th, at Duffield. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Committee meeting (M.C.A.) at 4 p.m. Tea, 1s. per head, in the Church Institute, at 5 p.m., followed by the general meeting. Tea provided only for those who notify Mr. S. Dawson, Tamworth Road, Duffield, not later than Sept. 25th.—Ernest Morris and (Miss) I. B. Thompson, Secs.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northwich Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Budworth on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Those who intend to be present kindly notify.—H. Parker, 3, London Road, Davenham, Cheshire.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Alton and Petersfield District.—Owing to the bells being under repair the quarterly meeting, fixed for September 29th, at Bramshott will be postponed for several weeks.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Great Gaddesden on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Tea can only be supplied for those who let me know by Wednesday, Sept. 26th.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Conisborough on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me *not later* than Wednesday, the 26th?—Ernest Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The 57th annual meeting, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Committee meeting in the Cathedral Library at 4 o'clock. Festival Service, with address by the Rev. F. R. Hedley, in the Cathedral at 5 o'clock, and short Memorial Service for ringers who fell in the Great War. Dinner, followed by the annual meeting, at the County Hotel, Neville Street, at 6 o'clock, concluding with a social evening and musical programme. The bells of the Cathedral, St. John's, and also St. Mary's, Gateshead, will be available at 3 o'clock.—George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—A meeting will be held at Steyning on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Tower open 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. and tea (price 1s. 3d.), followed by business meeting, at 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous, please. Half rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d., to members.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Olveston on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Kindly let me know for tea by Wednesday, 26th inst.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Bristol 5.

**HERTFORD ASSOCIATION.**—Come out, 'tis now September, to Abbots Langley (6 bells). Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 29th. Ringing from 3.30. Tea 5.30.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. City 4270.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Roxton on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Kingsbury Episcopi on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow. For tea please notify early.—F. Farrant, North Street, Martock.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Birstall on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Further particulars on circulars.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec., 40, Littlemoor, Queensbury.

**BISHOP'S LYDEARD, TAUNTON, SOMERSET.**—The ring of 8 (tenor 24 cwts.) restored by Gillett and Johnston will be re-dedicated by the Rev. F. C. Fitch, M.A., on Sunday, Sept. 30th, at 11 a.m. All ringers welcome.

**ALFORD, LINCS.**—On Friday, Oct. 5th, at 7 p.m., the Bishop of Lincoln will dedicate the new ring of six bells by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at the George and Dragon Inn (1s. 3d. per head) after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the District Secretary not later than Tuesday, Oct. 2nd.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION** will hold a six-bell contest at Northowram, Halifax (on Oct. 6th. A set of medals have been offered by Canon G. Watkinson. Draw 2.45 p.m. Those requiring tea, 1s. each, must send not later than Sept. 29th.—L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at St. Osyth on Oct. 6th. Bells (6) will be available at 2.30. Service in church 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5. Bus service from Colchester every half hour. Will all those intending to be present please notify me not later than Oct. 4th?—James R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD** (S. and W. District) and **OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (East Berks and South Bucks Branch).—A joint meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (10) from 3-15 p.m. Service at 4.45. Tea in the St. John's Hall at 5.15. Social evening in hall from 7.45 p.m. All ringers and their friends welcome.—F. W. Goodfellow, 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, and A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Hon. Secs.

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**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Northfield, near Birmingham, on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service in church at 4.30. Tea in the Church Hall at 5.15. Business meeting to follow. Please notify regarding tea by Oct. 3rd.—Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham 11.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hampton, Evesham, on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present please let me know by the Tuesday previous?—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bicester Deanery Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Brill, Bucks (6 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and short business meeting. Bells available 2.30 and after meeting. Please notify me if requiring tea.—F. Sharpe, Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at Leiston on Saturday, October 6th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 4.15, tea 4.30, free to all sending me names by October 3rd. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Market Drayton, Saturday, October 6th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. All requiring tea to notify me by October 2nd.—R. R. Pole, Hon Sec., 88, North Street, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.

**SNOWDON DINNER.**—Preliminary Notice. — The annual Jasper Snowdon dinner will be held at the Victory Hotel, Leeds, on Saturday, Oct. 13th. It is hoped to arrange a peal of Stedman Caters at Bradford Cathedral to commence at 11 a.m. on that date, and any who would like to take part in the peal are asked to communicate with me as early as possible. Tickets for the dinner are 4s. each, and may be had on application to me.—W. O. Talbot, 34, Headingley Mount, Leeds 6.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Maidstone on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. The usual travelling expenses will be paid to members attending this meeting. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual dinner will be held at Victoria Hall, Manchester, on Oct. 27th. Arrangements are being made for ringing from 2 p.m., conducted tours and a good social programme. The dinner will be held at the Victoria Hotel. Please book the date and watch 'The Ringing World' for further announcements.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—The address of Mr. Sidney F. Palmer is now Hazelwood, 4, Quarry Road, Heathfield, Totley, near Sheffield.

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