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THE LADIES' GUILD.

Next year the Ladies' Guild will celebrate its silver jubilee, in the meantime a committee has been appointed to consider the present division of districts with a view to covering the country more effectively. At present there are areas in which the Guild does not actively function, and this is one great drawback to its operations. While the number of lady ringers is considerable, they are a scattered body, and the principal difficulty has been in organising self-supporting districts. That the Guild has succeeded in functioning as well as it has done through nearly a quarter of a century is a testimony to the energy and loyalty of those who have held office, and particularly to Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, the general secretary, whose enthusiasm has never flagged.

The Guild was really the outcome of the first peal rung by a company of ladies in 1912, at Cubitt Town. The beginnings were small, but when in the days of the Great War women came into the belfries to replace the men, the number of lady ringers rapidly expanded, and the Guild's purpose and place in the Exercise was more than justified. But even so, there has seldom been a tower with a complete band of ladies, and in many cases where they are to be found in belfries they are only in ones and twos. This has made organisation difficult, and although the half dozen or so districts have held regular meetings, the scattered nature of the membership is bound to make itself felt on these occasions.

The Committee who have the reorganisation of the Guild to consider will not have an easy task. Smaller districts might give members more facilities for attending meetings, but the obstacle to smaller districts is finance. With a nominal subscription of only one shilling a year, a county area with a dozen or fifteen members could do very little. The difficulties of a large district are that the members are out of touch with the organisation and each other, and only very occasionally can a meeting be held within reach of more than a very few. Moreover, the membership of the Guild seems more 'fluid' than with the ordinary ringers' association. This lack of close touch, coupled with the fact that members not infrequently give up ringing altogether on marriage, leads to lapses of membership which it is very hard to avert or replace. The ladies who carry the brunt of the work are, therefore, to be cordially congratulated upon the success which they have hitherto made of the Guild. There is a place in the Exercise for this organisation, and it is to be hoped that not only will the Guild find a way more effectively to knit together its forces, but that in its jubilee year it will gather energy and

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numbers sufficient to secure increased success in the future. The 'mere men' of the Exercise will watch with interest the efforts of the ladies to improve the Guild, which is their very own, built up by their own initiative and capacity, and carried on without aid from the other sex.

TEN BELL PEALS.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 22, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6039 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. ... Treble	ARTHUR H. WHITE ... 6
WILLIAM HIBBERT ... 2	ERNEST J. TAYLOR ... 7
MISS STELLA DAVIS ... 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... 8
REGINALD W. REX ... 4	RICHARD WHITE ... 9
CYRIL J. HIBBERT ... 5	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... Tenor

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN. Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.

GREAT YARMOUTH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 23, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt. in C sharp.

*MISS DOROTHY DITCHAM ... Treble	FRANK BRADLEY ... 6
JOHN G. W. HARWOOD ... 2	†R. WILLIAM BARBER ... 7
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 3	†TOM CLARKE ... 8
GEORGE MAYERS ... 4	ALBERT G. WARNES ... 9
ARTHUR G. KING ... 5	EDWARD C. KETT ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Treble Bob. ‡ First peal of Treble Ten.

HERTFORD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 25, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

JOSEPH LADLEY ... Treble	REGINALD DORE ... 6
GILBERT E. DEBENHAM ... 2	ALBERT R. LAWRENCE ... 7
THOMAS J. HULL ... 3	ALBERT LAWRENCE ... 8
GEORGE RADLEY ... 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... 9
STANLEY A. CARTER ... 5	SIDNEY CADLE ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 69). Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.
Rung on the occasion of the induction of the Rev. V. Townshend-Ducker, M.A., to the living of All Saints', Hertford.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6061 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS ... Treble	COLIN HARRISON ... 6
J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 2	*EDWARD F. GOBEY ... 7
JOHN P. FIDLER ... 3	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 8
FRED W. HILL ... 4	*ALEX HUTCHINSON ... 9
R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH ... 5	G. RONALD EDWARDS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

* First ten-bell peal. A wedding compliment to Miss Ellen Gobey (sister of the 7th ringer) and Mr. H. Godfrey, of Ilkeston, who were married this day.

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THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 25, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*ERNEST J. KING Treble	*FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ... 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	†ROY K. MOWFORTH ... 7
†MISS OLIVE L. ASHBROOK ... 3	*WILLIAM SIMMONDS ... 8
*THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 4	ERNEST W. FORBANK ... 9
*ROBERT G. HEAZEL ... 5	EDWARD D. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER

* First peal of Bob Royal. † First in the method. † First peal on ten bells. The peal was arranged as a birthday compliment to the conductor, but owing to the sudden death of Mrs. M. L. P. Lomas, wife of the late churchwarden, it was rung half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the deceased parishioner. First peal of Bob Royal on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, July 19, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

ALFRED H. WATSON... .. Treble	NORMAN R. BAILEY ... 5
*ALBERT E. WHITING... .. 2	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	T. WILLIAM LAST ... 7
JOHN H. ARBON 4	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT.

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

* First peal in the method away from treble.

HILGAY, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(WISBECH BRANCH.)

On Monday, July 20, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

A. E. BACON Treble	FRED WIGMORE ... 5
WALLACE COUSINS 2	*ARTHUR ROLFE ... 6
MANSFIELD GINN... .. 3	CLAUDE COUSINS ... 7
FRANK WARRINGTON ... 4	A. G. BASON ... Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE.

Conducted by A. G. BASON.

* First peal.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.

On Monday, July 20, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Chief-Insp. W. BOTTRILL, Metropolitan Treble	
P.C. F. E. WILSON, Leicester City 2	
P.C. H. W. PERKINS, Leicester City 3	
Insp. H. J. POOLE, Leicester City 4	
Ex-Sgt. W. C. DOWDING, Birmingham City 5	
P.C. T. ANDERSON, Nottingham County 6	
P.C. A. RANDS, Northampton County 7	
Sgt. H. C. JENNEY, Leicester City Tenor	

Conducted by INSP. H. J. POOLE.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 23, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

MRS. A. EVANS Treble	*GEORGE BAATZ ... 5
THOMAS F. KING 2	HARRY W. BROWN ... 6
*WILLIAM BROWN 3	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 7
ALEXANDER EVANS ... 4	A. E. BAVERSTOCK ... Tenor

Conducted by W. J. PRESCOTT.

* First peal of Stedman Triples and first peal on eight bells.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 25, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

WALTER CHARMAN Treble	PETER CHARMAN ... 5
JOHN COOK 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 6
ERNEST AYLIFFE 3	JACK BRANCH ... 7
JOHN H. B. HESSE 4	ALFRED H. POLLING ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

Rung as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. F. Jeal, a fond lover of the bells and a keen critic of ringing.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

KEITH W. WHITTLE Treble	HARRY D. LISTER ... 5
JAMES ROSE 2	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... 6
WILLIAM KINSEY... .. 3	CHARLES SHEMMING ... 7
SHELFORD SPARROW ... 4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

DUNMOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 25, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 21 cwt.

HAROLD TOWNSEND Treble	FRANK CLAYDON ... 5
ARTHUR SAUNDERS 2	H. WALTER SMITH ... 6
JOSEPH JENNINGS... .. 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 7
HARRY G. FELTON 4	ALBERT WIFFEN ... Tenor

Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 25, 1936, in Three Hours,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

THOMAS SIMMONDS Treble	GEORGE GOWER ... 5
*FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... 2	STANLEY W. COPLING ... 6
CHARLES LOOME 3	GEORGE POYNIZ ... 7
RUSSELL RICHES 4	ERNEST WHITING ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by E. WHITING.

* First peal in the method.

WEST TOFTS, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 25, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

C.C.C. No. 26.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

FRED MATTHEWS, SEN. Treble	WALLACE COUSINS ... 5
ALFRED BACON 2	LEWIS BUSH ... 6
FRED WIGMORE 3	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 7
JOHN BUCKENHAM 4	CLAUDE COUSINS ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.

HARBORNE, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, July 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

*GEORGE H. WILLIAMS Treble	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY ... 5
JOHN G. MASON 2	CYRIL WINWOOD ... 6
DANIEL T. MATKIN 3	RICHARD C. INGRAM ... 7
H. JAMES TURNER 4	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN

* First peal of Major.

HEATHFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 8 lb. in F. sharp.

*CHARLES STEELE Treble	FRANK H. HICKS 5
ALBERT KELFE 2	CHARLES BRASIER 6
ARTHUR F. LEWRY 3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE 7
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT 4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS
* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife and daughter of the ringer of the 7th.

FAREHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, July 25, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*LEONARD KNOTT Treble	REG. C. H. CONNOLLY 5
HAROLD P. REED 2	REGINALD A. REED 6
LIONEL H. PAGE 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
†A. J. CORRIGAN 4	REGINALD BROWN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal at first attempt. † First peal of Bob Major. Rung to commemorate the enthronement of Dr. Frank Partridge as Bishop of Portsmouth the same afternoon at the Cathedral, Portsmouth.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

REDRUTH, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, July 14, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EUNY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 43 six-scores in eight different callings. Tenor 13½ cwt.

PERCY R. C. WILLIAMS Treble	STANLEY SEYMOUR 4
WILLIAM REED 2	FREDERIC H. HARRIS 5
EDWARD SANDERS 3	*WILLIAM H. CORNELIUS Tenor

Conducted by FREDERIC H. HARRIS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Rev. W. R. Ladd Canney as Rector of Redruth, and his 21st as parish priest.

ALFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, July 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF SPICED SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, viz.:-

- (1) Hanley, Allendale, Milton and Westminster.
- (2) Munden, Chester, Alnwick and Newcastle.
- (3) Northumberland, Carlisle and Sandiacre.
- (4) Stamford, Rosedale, Wearmouth, Lightfoot, Annable's London and Netherseale.
- (5) Durham, York, Surfleet, Beverley, Berwick, Hexham, London, Wells and Dunecastle.
- (6) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull and Bourne.

*ALBERT E. SCOTT Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER 4
HORACE M. DAY 2	CUTBERT T. H. BRADLEY 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal in 32 methods. First Surprise peal on the bells.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, July 24, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 6½ cwt.

*STANLEY GOODWIN Treble	FRANCIS GLEAVES 4
KITTY WILLIAMS 2	CHARLES W. COOK 5
JACK PARISH 3	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON
* First attempt for a peal.

TUDDENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Three extents of Plain Bob and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

CHARLES W. PARKER Treble	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 4
CHARLES CLARK 2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 5
GEORGE A. FLEMING 3	PERCY K. PARKER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. G. BROWN.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, July 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr.

*P. GEORGE GOLDER Treble	HARRY V. PARROW 3
ALFRED BUCELEY 2	BARNABAS G. KEY 4
HOWARD HOWELL Tenor	

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal on the bells, which were hung in 1873.

BURSLEM, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ALBERT J. HURD Treble	†ANDREW THOMPSON 4
*FRANK SHUKER 2	WILLIAM CARNWELL 5
GEORGE HULME 3	THOMAS HURD Tenor

Conducted by T. HURD.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal of Minor.

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

On Saturday, July 25, 1936, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5160 CHANGES;

In the following methods: 720 of Duke of York, 840 of Woodbine and 720 each of Sandal, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 10 cwt.

CYRIL COOK Treble	*WILLIAM CARBUTT 4
HAROLD CHANT 2	ARTHUR PANTHER 5
GEORGE LORD 3	†DANIEL SMITH Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

* First peal and first attempt. † 50th peal of Minor.

GLASTON, UPPINGHAM.
On Saturday, July 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*A. WOODS Treble	S. MILLS 3
*G. KING 2	*C. GREEN 4
*G. PEPPERDAY Tenor	

Conducted by G. PEPPERDAY.

* First peal.

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FOR BEGINNERS.

SOME TREBLE BOB METHODS.

In explaining steps in Treble Bob last week we took the example of Kent, because it is probably the easiest of this class of method. There are others, however, very little more difficult, and it may be well if, while on this subject of Treble Bob, we refer to one or two of them, because there is no reason why you should not study something beyond Kent, even while you are perfecting yourself with that method.

The original method of Treble Bob was Oxford; Kent did not come on the scene until much later, and is a simple variant of the former. We explained in the last article that when the treble is in 1-2 in Kent, 3rd's and 4th's places are made by the bells going up and 4th's and 3rd's by the bells coming down, in substitution for the dodges that would otherwise be made.

The constructional difference between the two methods is that, instead of the bells going out making 3rd's and 4th's and continuing their way up, they make 4th's only and go back to lead; while the bells coming down, instead of making 4th's and 3rd's, when the treble is below them, make 3rd's only, and go out behind again. If you will compare these figures you will see the difference in the place-making.

Kent	Oxford
231546	214536
213456	214356
123465	123465
214356	213456
124365	124365
142635	142635
412653	412653
146235	146235
416253	412653
461523	421563

This variation in the place-making, while producing different changes within the treble lead, produces the same lead-ends, and a true peal in one method is a true peal in the other.

HOW OXFORD DIFFERS FROM KENT.

The bells doing 'slow work,' that is, lead and 2nd's place alternately from the time the treble leaves the front until it returns, do it in the same order in Oxford as in Kent, but the coursing order 'inside' the lead is not quite the same, because the place-making bells change direction. Immediately before and after the treble's dodging behind, the Plain Bob coursing order is broken, but while that is happening the bells in the next dodging place below (3-4 in Minor, 5-6 in Major) are dodging in coursing pairs; when dodging up you dodge with your course bell, and when dodging down, with your 'after' bell. As soon, however, as the treble gets away from 3-4 in Minor, or 5-6 in Major, the coursing order above it is resumed.

The actual rules for ringing the method work out like this: If, in Minor, you pass the treble in 4-5 or dodge 5-6 up with the treble, you make 3rd's place, and go back up. (You do the same in Major if you pass the treble in 6-7 or dodge in 7-8.)

If you come out of the slow work (i.e., dodge on the front with the treble), you make 4th's and go down to lead; if you pass the treble in 2-3 you make 4th's, go back and dodge with the treble and then begin the 'slow' work.

In all other instances your work is exactly the same as in Kent. You dodge in all the dodging positions, 3-4, 5-6, etc., up and down, and after the 4-3 (down) go straight to lead and up again to 3-4.

When a bob is made, all the bells above 4th's place have an extra double dodge, that is they 'step back' three times instead of once. The actual bob is made by the bell which dodged behind with the treble and came down to 3rd's place. Instead of going straight up again, he makes 4th's (which is the bob), and then another 3rd's place, before going back up.

The bells coming out of and going into the slow work are not affected. Each makes 4th's place and returns to the front.

For the young conductor who wants a 720 of Minor in either method, a 'standard' calling, which keeps the 5th and 6th from coming behind the 'wrong' way, is to call the 6th In (into the Slow) and Out with another bob the next lead, and, in the next course, call the 6th In only. Do this three times and you have the extent. Remember the point mentioned above, that if you are going into the Slow in Kent you dodge up in 5-6 with the treble, and follow it down; in Oxford you dodge down in 6-5 with the treble, and go down in front of it.

VARIATION OF ALLIED METHODS.

There are other methods closely allied to Oxford—Sandal and Duke of Norfolk, for instance. In the former, Oxford is varied by a bell making 5th's place, when the treble lies its whole pull behind; in the latter 2nd's place is made at the treble's whole pull in front, as well as 5th's at the whole pull behind. The result is that in the three methods you get exactly the same changes in a plain course, but they come up in a different order and consequently the actual work is different.

These three methods of Treble Bob stand in exactly the same relationship as the plain methods, Bob, Reverse Bob and Double Bob.

The place-making in 3rd's and 4th's remains the same in Sandal as in Oxford, but the 5th's place half-way through the lead causes a dodge on the front which changes the bell in the slow work, and a three-pull dodge—that is an additional double dodge, or three steps back instead of one—in 3-4. The bell that dodges in 6-5 down with the treble (after dodging 5-6 up with another bell) makes 5th's, dodges 5-6 up with the treble, and 6-5 down with another bell, before going on down to make 3rd's place and return.

The work when the treble is in front is exactly the same as in Oxford, and a bob is also made in the same way.

In Duke of Norfolk you do all that has been explained for Sandal when the treble is behind, but when the treble is in front, the bell which began Slow work when the treble was behind makes 2nd's when the treble leads its whole pull and, dodging again with the treble, remains in the Slow work until the treble gets behind. The time to dodge and come out of the Slow work is after making 2nd's place the second time, and in both Sandal and Duke of Norfolk the dodge is actually in 2-1 (down) after the 2nd's place; therefore, it is necessary to lead another whole pull before going up to 3-4.

This retention of the same bell in the Slow work after the treble's lead in Duke of Norfolk causes the bells in 5-6 to have a three-pull dodge, and the bells in 3-4 to do a double set of places, with a dodge between. Thus the bell that comes down makes 3rd's, dodges in 3-4 up, makes 4th's and goes down to lead. The bell that comes up does the reverse thing, viz., makes 4th's, dodges in 4-3 down, makes 3rd's and goes up.

Here is the difference between Oxford and Sandal behind, and Oxford and Duke of Norfolk in front:—

Oxford	Sandal	Oxford	D. of N.
236154	236154	643125	236154
263514	263514	634215	263514
625341	625341	362451	625341
623514	623514	362415	623514
265341	265341	632451	265341
256431	623541	623541	623541
524613	265314	265314	265314
526431	263541	263541	263541
254613	625314	625314	625314
245163	652134	652134	652134

The work of Oxford and Sandal is the same when the treble is in front; the work of Sandal and Duke of York is the same when the treble is behind.

From the figures which we have here given, it should be possible for you to construct a lead of each of these three methods, and from the figures draw a diagram of a whole course. Just try it! It may lead your interest to that higher plane of splicing together a number of such methods into one true 720.

By the way, the calling of a 720 of Sandal is the same as for an extent of Oxford, except, of course, that the Out is not at the lead following the In.

In Duke of Norfolk, however, the calling of the tenor must be Wrong, Right and Wrong, the Wrong being the second lead of the course, and the Right at the course end.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, on July 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. R. Reber (first quarter-peal) 1, C. Lord 2, G. M. Kirby 3, K. J. Guyler (conductor) 4, J. E. Rootes 5, E. E. C. Russell 6, T. Collins 7, T. Humphreys 8. Ringer of treble aged 16, and of 2nd and tenor 79 and 72 respectively.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.—At the Parish Church of St. Dionysius for morning service on Sunday, July 12th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes): Miss M. I. Barrow 1, Miss Frances Hart (first in the method) 2, L. Rudd 3, R. March 4, W. Hector 5, W. Wallington 6, F. Wallington 7, A. Manning (conductor) 8. Miss Frances Hart is from Weston-by-Welland.

BISHOPSGATE, LONDON.—On Sunday, July 12th, for evening service, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: R. Sanders 1, E. E. Hardcastle (longest length in the method) 2, F. Pike 3, W. Hewett 4, H. Hoskins 5, W. Madgwick 6, J. E. Davis (conductor) 7, J. Marks 8.

TROWERIDGE, WILTS.—On Sunday, July 12th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Cinques (1,275 changes): S. J. Hector 1, R. Amor 2, J. Francis 3, G. H. Harding 4, C. Butcher 5, W. Lord 6, W. Baxter 7, N. V. Andrews 8, B. Worsell 9, C. Raison 10, C. F. Andrews (conductor) 11, S. Francis 12. Longest length on 12 bells by ringers of 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 12. All are members of the local band.

ABERDARE.—The first quarter-peal rung by a local band on the bells of St. Elyan's Church, Aberdare, was accomplished on July 11th by the following band, all of whom are service ringers and all self-taught: J. Emm 1, A. Scribbings 2, F. Chave 3, E. Emm 4, G. Kerley (conductor) 5, G. Mead 6, E. Russell 7, B. Sheldon 8.

UXBRIDGE.—At St. Margaret's Church for morning service on July 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Marson 1, R. Bray 2, G. Gutteridge 3, P. Jones 4, W. S. Childs 5, Miss E. Bedford (first quarter as conductor) 6, F. Corke (composer) 7, J. Childs 8.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

GUILDFORD GUILD MEMBERS VISIT SUSSEX.

For the third successive year members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild from Worplesdon and Aldershot, with one unattached member, combined with the Hastings and District Guild for a joint meeting. This year the venue was the quaint old town of Rye. Leaving Fox Corner in Surrey at 12.45 p.m., the party made the long journey by coach via Dorking, Reigate, Sevenoaks and Tonbridge, reaching Rye Church at 4.40. They were cordially welcomed by the Misses M. P. and J. E. Kingdon (one time members of the Worplesdon company) and Mr. C. A. Levett, hon. secretary of the Hastings Guild.

At 5.15 tea was served in a neighbouring cafe, a company of nearly 30 sitting down. Besides the Worplesdon and Aldershot towers, members from Croydon, All Saints', Hastings, St. Leonards, Feltham, Uckfield, Hawkhurst and Salehurst were also present.

Following tea, several of the visitors explored the town, whilst others, more enthusiastic, returned to the belfry to take part in touches of Stedman, Grandsire, Kent, Plain Bob and Superlative. Cambridge Major was not successful! At 8 p.m. the ringing ceased, and

was inspected and its many historical points explained by the Rector of St. Andrew's, Holborn, and touches of Grandsire, Bob Major and Double Norwich were rung on the very musical peal of bells in the tower. Another short run in the coach through winding lanes brought the party to Weston Patrick, where their Rector and Mrs. Bedford have their country cottage. They found a meat tea awaiting them, and after enjoying all the good things provided, many availed themselves of the opportunity of looking round the gardens, while a few cast longing eyes on the swimming pool. Handbell ringing was indulged in on the lawn, and, before leaving, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector and Mrs. Bedford for their kind hospitality, also to Miss Wyatt and the helpers at the tea tables. After the roll call had been found to be correct, a move was made to Yateley, the route lying through Odiham and Hartley Row. On arrival, the visitors were welcomed by the Vicar and Mr. S. J. Riddell, and the bells were rung in various methods. This concluded the ringing activities, and, on arriving back at Reading, the day's pleasures were discussed over a little refreshment at The Grapes, all expressing themselves well pleased with the arrangements made by the secretary. Paddington was reached again at 11.15 p.m. after a very happy day.



THE ANCIENT CHURCH OF RYE, SUSSEX.

Pack and Chapman cast a ring of eight bells for this tower in 1775, but there were bells there at least 300 years earlier. The French attacked Rye in 1377 and carried off the church bells as part of the loot. In the following year, however, the men of Rye and Winchelsea retrieved them, bringing them back after an attack upon Peter's Haven, in Normandy.

the coach load of visitors were taken to Chitcombe, Brede, the residence of Mrs. Kingdon, and hospitably entertained to coffee and cakes.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mrs. Kingdon and her daughters for all they had done for the comfort of the party.

One stop was made on the homeward journey, and Aldershot reached at 1.15 a.m., after a happy and completely successful outing. All the trippers wish to thank Capt. H. J. Cann for arranging the excursion.

LONDON RINGERS TOUR BERKS AND HANTS.

The ringers of St. Andrew's, Holborn, with a few friends, held their annual outing on Saturday, July 4th. Leaving Paddington by train at 8.40 a.m., they transferred to a motor-coach at Reading and drove to Newbury. On arrival they found that Mr. H. W. Curtis had the bells ready for their use, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Bob Royal and Treble Bob were rung. These bells are a fine peal, both in tone and go, and Mr. Curtis may well be pleased with his peal of ten. The next move was to Andover, the scenery on the way being much admired. Lunch was partaken of at the White Hart Hotel, and afterwards at St. Mary's Church, Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich and Cambridge were successfully brought round. These bells were found to be very false and required ringing, while the staircase to the ringing room kept a few of the ringers downstairs.

After another run through delightful country, the party reached Alton, a well-known town for keeping your 'Courage.' The church

A GUILDFORD GUILD EXCURSION.

The Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild this year organised an outing, and the experiment proved a complete success. The 'stepping off' place was Hersham Church. The coach took on the first part of its load and moved off exactly at 2 p.m. by the clock, and proceeded to Weybridge to embark some more, then on through Chertsey, Laleham and Staines. Here another joined the happy throng, and, having crossed the Thames again to Egham, the remainder of the load was taken on board. Passing Runnymede, Windsor and Maidenhead, the party made a call at Sonning. Here the company was met by the Vicar, and the ladies had an enjoyable time inspecting the church under his guidance. An hour's good ringing was indulged in on the bells, and some paid a visit to the river lock, which is one of the beauty spots of the Thames. Next a move was made to Shiplake. Here tea was partaken of at the Plough Inn, the proprietor of which is also steeplekeeper of the church and also has a case of handbells, which were duly inspected and some used. After tea the church was visited for another hour's ringing before going on to Henley, which was reached about 7.15 p.m. As everything was ready, the bells were soon going merrily. The bells were lowered at 8 p.m. and the homeward journey commenced, Hersham being reached at about 10.30 p.m., everyone voting the venture a success. Thanks are accorded the visitors from Heston and Staines, also to the various incumbents and steeplekeepers for the use of the bells and having everything ready.

DEATH OF MR. CHARLES J. CHOOET.**FORMER MASTER OF THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.**

With deep regret we record the death of Mr. Charles John Chooet, of 35a, Sutton Buildings, Chelsea, which took place at Guy's Hospital on Wednesday, July 15th.

Mr. Chooet was a very prominent member of the St. Andrew's, Holborn, Guild. He had been a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths for 50 years, and was Master of the society in 1929.

The funeral took place on Saturday, July 18th, at Brompton Cemetery. In addition to the family mourners, there were present Mr. Stanton, of the University of London, Mr. C. F. Winney, of the College Youths, and Mr. J. S. Hawkins, representing St. Andrew's Guild, Holborn.

Mr. Chooet, whose age was 69, leaves one married daughter to mourn his loss. There were many beautiful wreaths, including one from the St. Andrew's, Holborn, Guild.

On Tuesday evening, July 21st, the bells of St. Andrew's, Holborn, were rung half-muffled to a well-struck quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) by the following members: William R. Dennis 1, Henry G. Alford 2, Robert W. Green 3, J. E. Lewis Cockey 4, Ernest F. Pryor 5, Albert C. Darnell (conductor) 6, Joseph Marks 7, Joseph S. Hawkins 8.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

MITOHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, July 26th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. West (first quarter in the method) 1, W. H. Joiner 2, C. W. R. Grimwood 3, R. Charge 4, L. Greenhow 5, C. Potheary 6, W. S. Smith (conductor) 7, W. Sparkes 8.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—On Sunday, July 26th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Cinques (1,320 changes): W. M. Stone 1, Miss Sparshott 2, E. V. Hinton 3, H. Sargent (Glasgow) 4, Mrs. Williams 5, S. White 6, H. Bennett (Bristol) 7, R. O. Street 8, E. T. Griffin 9, F. Sparshott 10, G. Preston (conductor) 11, H. Gillard 12. First quarter-peal of Grandsire Cinques by ringers of 4 and 7.

KELSTON.—On July 13th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: A. E. Baverstock 1, P. Cruickshank 2, F. C. Mogford 3, C. S. Knott 4, G. J. Hawkins 5, W. Brown (conductor) 6. First 720 of Oxford by all. At Farmborough on July 20th, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes): H. Parfrey (first quarter of Minor) 1, F. C. Mogford 2, C. S. Knott 3, G. Baatz 4, R. Perry 5, W. Brown (conductor) 6. The second ringer was 25 years old on the previous day. On an outing on June 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) at Queen Camel (tenor 36 cwt.): A. E. Baverstock 1, G. J. Hawkins 2, F. W. Beer 3, F. C. Mogford 4, S. S. Woodburn (conductor) 5, H. Ellis 6.

THREE ASSOCIATIONS FRATERNISE.**CUMBERLAND YOUTHS, SURREY AND GUILDFORD DIOCESAN RINGERS.**

On Saturday, members of the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths, the Surrey Association and Guildford Diocesan Guild met at Beddington, Surrey, for a combined social gathering. In spite of unsettled weather, about 40 ringers attended from Banstead, Benhilton, Beddington, Croydon, Carshalton, Leatherhead and London (St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, St. Margaret's, Westminster, St. Luke's, Chelsea, and Willesden), whilst visitors were present from Tunbridge Wells and Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Ringings commenced at 3 o'clock and proceeded until 4.50 p.m., when the Rector, the Rev. E. V. Bond, mounted the steps to the belfry for the purpose of unveiling a memorial peal board erected in honour of the late Mr. A. J. Trappitt. In the course of his remarks the Rector pointed out that Mr. Trappitt had been a member of the Beddington band for 40 years, and was secretary of the North-Western District of the Surrey Association for nine years. During that time he carried out all his duties conscientiously and well, and attended regularly the meetings of the Beddington band for practices and Sunday service ringings. By his death Beddington had lost a most faithful bellringer.

At the service which followed, the Rector welcomed the three associations to Beddington and invited them to come again. His address took the form of an exposition of the history of Beddington, and particularly of the church, in the course of which he referred to the recent excavations which had been made in the vicinity, revealing good specimens of Roman and Saxon work. Amongst these relics is the shell of a coffin at least 1,500 years old, in a good state of preservation.

The chest in which it has been placed was unlocked for the occasion, and many of those present took the opportunity of inspecting it.

Tea followed at the Harvest Home, Beddington Lane, and after tea Mr. George H. Cross, Master of the Cumberland Youths, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, and to Mr. Charles H. Kippin for making all the necessary arrangements for the comfort of the visitors. The motion was seconded by Mr. Albert Harman, on behalf of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, and carried with acclamation.

After some good handbell ringing (Grandsire Caters, Stedman Caters and Double Norwich Major), members returned to the tower, where the bells were kept going till 9 o'clock. The methods rung ranged from Grandsire Triples to Surprise Royal. A very pleasant afternoon and evening were spent.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The new Vicar of All Saints', Hertford, the Rev. V. Townshend-Ducker, is a change ringer. A peal of Grandsire Caters, in honour of his induction, was rung on Saturday.

One often reads in peal reports 'rung after meeting short for so-and-so,' but the peal of Caters at Loughborough Foundry on Saturday (reported elsewhere) was rung after meeting over for Major.

A new tower has been erected at Surfleet, Lincs, in the demesne of Glyn Garth, but by what seems to be an extraordinary oversight, no provision has been made for a peal of bells. All that can now be done is for four ringers to sit round the top and ring handbells. They will be kept warm by the boiler furnace below.

Among the reports of the peals published to-day is one of 5,160 of Minor in seven methods. Included in it was 840 of Woodbine Treble Bob. There is no information as to where in the peal this additional 160 changes was rung or any explanation as to why it was included, but the Central Council requirements for a lengthened peal of Minor are, we believe, that seven true 720's shall be rung first.

The annual 'bellringers' sermons' will be preached at Coalbrookdale, Salop, on Sunday. One day in the year at this church is devoted to the interests of the ringers, and the sermons on this occasion will be preached in the morning by the Rev. W. G. Beale (Rector of Willey), and in the evening by the Rev. J. H. Hall (Vicar of Shifnal). The offertories at the services go to the ringers' fund.

'ROPE-SIGHT.'

NEW EDITION OF A SNOWDON WORK.

Many books of instruction have been published for the benefit of ringers, young and old, from Stedman's 'Tintinnalogia' in 1668 to the Central Council Collections of Methods and 'Hints for Beginners,' but no book in this category has been in such demand as Snowdon's 'Rope-Sight,' the ninth edition of which has now come from the Press.

Jasper Snowdon had a lucid pen, and untold thousands of ringers have gained by his painstaking work, which he first put into print over half a century ago. There was never a more able exposition of the groundwork of change ringing than his 'Rope-Sight,' and that it still holds the field as a beginner's text book is proved by the continued demand which has led to the issue of so many editions.

In the preface to the second edition Jasper Snowdon himself wrote: 'Undoubtedly the most pleasing acknowledgment of the efforts of the writer is the demand for another edition.' Jasper Snowdon has been gone from us for more than 50 years, but his work lives on and he is still one of the best 'instructors.' The Exercise is indebted to the Snowdon family for continuing to make these works available to ringers.

'Rope-Sight' deals in simple language with the art of ringing from the management of a bell to the proof of Bob Major, taking in its course Plain Bob from four to eight bells, conducting and calling round, and even a chapter on bell rope splicing. It is published at 1s. 10d. post free, and is obtainable from Miss Margaret E. Snowdon, Cartmel, Lancs.

AN INTERESTING RECORD.

The following framed notice which hangs in the tower of St. Mary's, Preswick, has been forwarded to us by Mr. Frank Reynolds. He points out that the church referred to as St. Bartholomew's is now St. Mary's.

CHANGE RINGING.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S,
PRESTWICH.

EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHT.

On Easter Sunday Morning, April 17th, 1808, by the
RINGERS OF PRESTWICH.

The following peals were rung, viz.:-

- 1st Peal, Three Hundred and Sixty of 'Tulip.'
- 2nd Peal, Three Hundred and Sixty of 'Symphony.'
- 3rd Peal, Three Hundred and Sixty of 'Morning Star.'
- 4th Peal, Three Hundred and Sixty of 'Evening Star.'
- 5th Peal, Three Hundred and Sixty of 'London Delight.'
- 6th Peal, Three Hundred and Sixty of 'Morning Pleasure.'
- 7th Peal, Three Hundred and Sixty of 'College Exercise.'
- 8th Peal, Three Hundred and Sixty of 'London Scholars' Pleasure.'
- 9th Peal, Three Hundred and Sixty of 'Violet.'
- 10th Peal, Three Hundred and Sixty of 'City Delight.'
- 11th Peal, Three Hundred and Sixty of 'Oxford Treble Bob.'
- 12th Peal, Three Hundred and Sixty of 'College Pleasure.'
- 13th Peal, Three Hundred and Sixty of 'College Treble Bob.'
- 14th Peal, Three Hundred and Sixty of 'Crown Bob.'

It appears from our ancestors, and likewise from the histories of record, that these peals were never before rung at one time; and we, the undermentioned ringers, rang the above peals in three hours and forty minutes, to the entire satisfaction of a number of people.

James Dawson.

George Dawson.

William Halliwell.

David Yates.

John Ashworth.

George Whitehead.

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RINGING FROM CHURCH FLOOR.

INTERESTING NOTES BY MR. J. H. SHEPHERD

From time to time ringers visiting fresh churches find that ringing has to be carried out under strange conditions, and comment is often made upon it by correspondents of 'The Ringing World.'

Few, if any, ringers have visited as many towers as Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, who makes a hobby of ringing at 'new towers' and measuring the tenors.

Appended are some notes which he has kindly forwarded to us, as the result of an enquiry some time ago, relating to places where the bells are rung from the church floor.

There are, he writes, several churches in the country where the ringers stand in front of the chancel as at the two churches mentioned in the county of Somerset (Kingstone and Winsham). Although the following do not make a complete list the information may be useful.

Eight-bell towers.—Aylesbury, Bucks.
Melbourne, Derbyshire.
Leckhampton, Glos.
Fairford, Glos.
Ickleton, Cambs.
Winsham, Somerset.
Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

Six-bell towers.—Bramshott, Hants.
Tong, Salop.
Alfriston, Sussex.
Staunton, Glos.
Kingstone, Somerset.
Thurleigh, Beds.
Wollaston, Northants.
Britford, Wilts.
Chilmark, Wilts.
Barford St. Martin, Wilts.

Five-bell towers.—Algarkirk, Lincs.
Rowington, Warwicks.
Meppershall, Beds.

Bramshott is interesting in that the ringers have to ring in white coats provided by the church.

With regard to Ottery St. Mary, Devon, the tower, being at the end of the transept and low, makes ringing in the church necessary. The same appertains at St. German's Priory in Cornwall, where the tower is at the west end of the church and at the north corner.

Similar interesting instances occur as at St. Ives, Hunts, and Fen Stanton, Cambs, where the towers at the west end of the church have two supporting columns in the naves and the ringers are completely exposed to view.

There are instances where the porch of the church is under the tower as at Llanbadrn Fawr, Radnorshire, and Steventon, Berks, and there being nowhere for the ringers they stand and ring in the porch.

At Penhow, Monmouthshire, after a parishioner has gone through the porch, he immediately finds himself under the tower, which spans the south aisle, having two of its pillars as central pillars between that and the nave. Here the ringers stand to ring, occupying a space in the middle of the aisle itself.

Of other oddities we have those most interesting little churches, particularly in Surrey, Sussex, Kent, Hants, Berks and Wilts, where there virtually is no tower, the bell frame being carried on vertical timbers erected at the west end of the nave and protruding through the roof, timber protection being arranged around the frame and a shingle broach capping the whole.

At Chicheley, Bucks, instead of ringing on the floor in front of the chancel, a platform is suspended from the tower roof upon which the ringers stand.

(Continued in next column.)

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

APPEAL FOR UNITY AMONG BANDS.

The annual meeting of the Banbury Branch was held at Banbury on Saturday, July 25th, in rather stormy weather. Ringing commenced shortly before three o'clock, and continued until the service at 4 p.m., which was conducted by the Rev. A. L. E. Williams, Vicar of Banbury and president of the branch, the preacher being the curate, the Rev. N. E. Wilkinson.

About 45 ringers, including a number of visitors, sat down to tea, after which followed the business meeting.

The secretary's report and balance sheet were adopted, the latter showing a balance in hand of £24, and the former appealing for more unity among bands.

In line with the sentiments of the general secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, that while the branch has good officers they should never be allowed to go, all were re-elected for the coming year.

Lower Heyford was chosen as the place for the next meeting, the date being fixed as October 24th.

The Rev. C. E. Wigg and Mr. R. T. Hibbert both spoke words of encouragement, and the meeting closed with a comprehensive vote of thanks.

Banbury tower was again visited, while some ringers went on to Wardington and Cropredy. Methods rung during the day included Grandsire, Stedman, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise, Plain Bob, and a very 'surprise' touch of Thelwall, as well as rounds for beginners.

UNPAID SUBSCRIPTIONS IN WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Witney and Woodstock Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Coombe on Saturday, July 11th, the meeting having been unavoidably postponed owing to the death of the branch secretary's father in April.

Service, held in the Parish Church, was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. F. E. Gmelin, and the lesson was read by the branch secretary (Mr. W. Evetts). A most instructive and interesting address from the Vicar brought the service to a close.

Owing to two broken stays, not much ringing could be done until after tea. When these were repaired all was well, but as they were of plain deal wood, as were the previous ones, great care had to be taken to avoid further disaster.

After tea, the business meeting was held, at which the president (the Rev. C. H. Stuart Gmelin, R.D.) was supported by the Deputy Master (the Rev. C. E. Wigg). The secretary's report showed that three towers were defaulters in paying their subscriptions, which accounted for a fall of 24 ringing members. He also drew the attention of tower foremen to the necessity for getting churchwardens, as well as the incumbents, to join the Guild as honorary members.

This was heartily supported by the Deputy Master. The balance sheet showed a good balance, but owing to the large number of unpaid subscriptions and the loss of several hon. members, it was not as good as it might have been.

The chairman, hon. secretary and treasurer were re-elected for the ensuing year, as also were the members on the Central Committee of the Guild.

After votes of thanks to the Vicar, organist and local ringers, the meeting closed with a record of sympathy with the secretary in his loss and late long illness.

Thirty-two sat down to tea, and the branch was very pleased to have amongst them Mr. A. P. Cannon, of Brockley, and members of the Banbury Branch.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD OFFICERS.

MR. M. B. SHAW ELECTED SECRETARY.

At the annual business meeting of the Cambridge University Guild, held at the end of the Easter Term, the following officers were re-elected for next year: President, the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey (Trinity); vice-president, the Rev. A. C. Blyth (Selwyn); Master, Mr. R. D. St. J. Smith (Selwyn).

The secretary, Mr. A. N. P. Woodard (Jesus), handed in his resignation, as he was ceasing to reside in the university, and Mr. M. B. Shaw (Peterhouse) was elected to succeed him.

Mr. E. M. Atkins (St. Cath.) and Mr. E. H. Lewis (Trinity) were again elected to represent the Guild on the Central Council.

The new secretary had not done any ringing before he joined the Guild on becoming a member of the university in October, 1935, and he rang his first peal, Bob Major 'in hand' on 1-2, in May, 1936.

(Continued from previous column.)

At Foots Cray, Kent, and Corley, Warwicks, there is no pretension of a tower at all and at these churches each of which has a ring of five bells, arrangements are made to carry the bell frame on the roof principals of the nave, the bells swinging above the ridge and being protected by boarding and a single cap. The ringers in these instances stand in the aisle of the nave and in the pews.

SQUIRE FORTREY OF KING'S NORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.**RESTORATION OF HIS TOMB.**

Most ringers when they hear of King's Norton think of the famous tower of that name near Birmingham. There is another King's Norton, however, in Leicestershire, also called Norton-by-Galby. In the churchyard of the latter place is the tomb of Squire Fortrey, which until recently was in a shocking state of neglect. It is pleasing news to know this has been remedied and the tomb and surroundings repaired and put in good order at a cost of over £40.

It should be of the deepest interest to ringers of Leicestershire to know this, for Squire Fortrey was an enthusiastic admirer of church bells, and did much towards encouraging improvements in the rings of different parishes. He rebuilt the church of Galby and placed in it, in the year 1741, a ring of six bells. He did the same at King's Norton, hanging a ring of ten bells, later reduced to eight owing to the strain on the tower. In 1738 he gave two new treble bells to St. Margaret's, Leicester, making them ten. Later he promised a set of handbells to the society to ring 10,000 changes on ten bells, and the Leicester Change Ringers, having rung 6,012 Grandsire Caters in 1776, set about this record. We are told that 'after a trial of several' they 'completed their desires' and rang 10,080 Caters 'in yo tittums' on February 25th, 1777, in 7 hours 12 minutes.

Squire Fortrey duly presented them with a set of cup handbells, which, after passing through many vicissitudes, now reposes in the Leicester Museum. In 1771 he gave a treble bell to Houghton-on-the-Hill, and his name is mentioned in connection with other bells in the county.

His memory was cherished for many years by old Leicester ringers, and Nichols, the historian, says of him: 'William Fortrey, Esq., of Norton-by-Galby, made it his business all his life to enquire into these matters (i.e., bells and ringing). He was possessed of all the anecdotes that remain relating to the old bells in that steeple—St. Margaret's, Leicester—and was himself the patron and director of Thomas Eayre, of Kettering.'

In 1753, when John Holt published his 'broadsheet' of peals, which contained the treble leads of his six and ten-part peals of Grandsire Triples, his six-part peal of Union Triples, and his three-part Plain Bob Triples without a single, Mr. W. Fortrey, of Galby, is there shown as a subscriber of four copies.

Squire Fortrey died at his seat at Norton on December 11th, 1783. About three weeks before his death, as he was going into his garden before going to bed, he fell down a flight of stone steps in front of his house, and, not being able to recover himself, and his only servant that slept in the house having gone to bed, he lay out all night. He was found next morning by the servant, but not quite dead. He, however, only languished for the short time mentioned.

The only peals rung on King's Norton bells are: 5,040 Grandsire Triples, May 28th, 1776, by Sherwood Youths, called by W. D. Crofts; 5,040 Grandsire Triples, June, 1816, called by William Reeve; 5,040 Stedman Triples, December 4th, 1926, called by A. Coppock; two peals Grandsire Triples, 1929 and 1931, both called by E. Morris; and a peal of Grandsire Doubles by local ringers.

ERNEST MORRIS.

GUILDFORD'S NEW CATHEDRAL.

The Archbishop of Canterbury on Wednesday week laid the foundation stone of a new Cathedral for the diocese of Guildford. It is only the third since the Reformation, the others being Truro and Liverpool.

The part of the building now undertaken will include choir, transept and central crossing, sacristy, vestries, etc., and will provide accommodation for about 1,000 people. It will take about three years to build and is to cost about £34,000, towards which £55,000 has been subscribed.

When completed, the Cathedral, which it is estimated will cost £250,000, will have a massive central tower, in which it is proposed to put a peal of bells, towards the cost of which the Guildford Diocesan Guild started a Guild fund about three years ago.

The bells of Holy Trinity Cathedral and St. Nicolas' Churches were rung in honour of last week's historic event. Previous to the service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at the Cathedral Church of Holy Trinity by W. Robinson (conductor) 1, W. E. Jelley 2, H. J. Golyer 3, H. Hutton 4, H. Harris 5, E. J. Ayliffe 6, A. H. Pulling 7, John H. B. Hesse 8.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the South-Eastern Division was held at High Easter and was attended by 28 members and friends. The bells badly need the attention of a bellhanger.

The Guild service was conducted by Mr. Hussey, of Chelmsford, in the absence of the Vicar, the Rev. Vincent, who was on holiday. Mr. Hussey gave a very interesting address, and the Master of the association, Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips, read the lesson. Tea was partaken of at the Cock and Bell Inn, and the business meeting followed, presided over by the Master.

It was proposed, subject to permission being granted, to hold the next meeting at Maldon on Saturday, September 12th.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Hussey for so kindly taking the service and for his interesting address.

BALLARAT RINGERS' CLUB LOSSES.**TRAGEDY ROBS THEM OF TWO MEMBERS.**

The ringers at Ballarat, Australia, whose ringing is done on the bells at the Town Hall, sustained a double loss during the first week in June by the death of the oldest and youngest members of what is known as the Bellringers' Club.

Mr. George Hutson, the senior member of the company, who was 74 years of age, was run down by a motor-car, and died a few days later in hospital.

The death of Jack Douglas, the youngest member, was another tragedy. He was employed in the municipal offices at the Town Hall. Lately he became depressed and shot himself with a revolver kept in the office. He died on the following day, despite the doctors' valiant efforts to save him. Three blood transfusions were administered without avail, one of them being given by his office colleague and ringing companion, Mr. Harold Maddern, the hon. secretary of the Ringers' Club.



THE BELL TOWER AT BALLARAT TOWN HALL.

The English ringers who visited Australia will deeply regret to read this news, for both Mr. Hutson and Mr. Douglas were among those who met the tourists in Ballarat and helped to entertain them.

The death of these two ringers has proved a severe blow to the Ringers' Club and will cause a setback to their progress. Since the visit of the English ringers, the Ballarat men have been striving to master change ringing. They are a hundred miles from Melbourne, the nearest centre of change ringing, so that they are entirely dependent upon their own resources, and it must obviously take some time to repair this sudden double breach in their ranks.

The bells at Ballarat Town Hall, which have a tenor of 22 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb., were cast at Whitechapel and were rung for the first time on Christmas Day, 1871. They are known as the 'Alfred' bells, after the former Duke of Edinburgh. The English ringers during their visit rang a peal of Stedman Triples on the bells, the first of Stedman Triples ever rung outside the British Isles.

The Ballarat Ringers' Club ring regularly on Sunday mornings, their bells serving as a call to worship for all the churches of the city.

The only church in Ballarat with a ring of bells is St. Peter's. There are eight bells, but only six are hung for ringing, and on these, in 1897, the first and only peal in seven Minor methods in Australia was rung.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.—For evensong, on Sunday, July 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Allsop 1, B. Allsop 2, W. E. Biagshaw 3, H. W. Gregory 4, V. E. Taylor 5, G. H. Paulson 6, H. E. Taylor (conductor) 7, E. Paulson 8.

THE HENHOUSE PEAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—With reference to the handbell peal rung at Kirkella, Yorks, on July 12th, surely there is something extraordinary about the performance being headed by the Yorkshire Association. I have, like many others, looked upon that association as pioneers of change ringing, but for members to go on the Sabbath Day into a henhouse among the hens and ring for two hours and seven minutes and look upon it as honour for their association needs no comment.

Ringers generally hold the view that associations of change ringers are an organisation of the Christian Church, and the action of the ringers concerned certainly points to the lowering of those ideals for which associations were formed.

CHARLES TURNER.

Dover, Kent.

GRAMOPHONE BELL RECORDS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your leading article of Friday, July 10th, on 'Gramophone Bells,' you say, 'there is not one, as far as we know, that is complete' (gramophone records). It may interest you to know that I have in my possession a set of three gramophone records of bell-ringing, the property of the Lavenham Society of Ringers, which were presented to them by the British Broadcasting Corporation some few months since.

The recordings are: (1) A course of Grandsire Triples; (2) a course of Stedman Triples; and (3) the three bobbed leads of Kent Treble Bob Major. These records begin and finish with rounds, and were made by the Lavenham ringers for the B.B.C., who also have a duplicate set.

May I suggest that ringers write to the B.B.C. asking them to 'put on' one or more of these records as an alternative to the record we now so often hear?

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS.

Lavenham, Suffolk.

A NEW USE FOR BELL ROPES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Searching for information about old ringers, I came across the following story which you may think worth printing:—

'A certain lewd fellow of the baser sort came from a long way off out of the shires and married a hopp-harlott, who had been whipped round our town more than once. The parish officers were her bridesmaids and her husband was not afraid of receiving certain lectures, for their sole bed was of dirty straw on the dirty ground; nevertheless, she was so cursed of condition that he wearied soon of his life and went to the parish clerk, seeking to be rid of his crooked rib. Solomon was sly, and, replying to his enquiry if the parson could unmarry them, said, "Why need ye trouble his reverence? Have not I, man and boy, been clerk fifty years come All Hallows-tide? I can do it as well as e'er a parson of them all, and as sure as there is now a good tap of ale at the Bell. Let us go there—you stand two pots and I will do all right for you. So after drinking out his fee, Solomon took the fellow into the church by the priest's door. "Now," said he, "you were married here, so put off your jacket and kneel at confession, for 'tis a solemn business." They then went into the belfry and, bidding him stand on a stool, he gave him the longest bell rope. "Tie that tightly, my lad, round your throat," said Solomon, "and as soon as I am gone, kick away the stool. I will return in about an hour, when you will be unmarried and out of your trouble."

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

THE NOISE OF CHURCH BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Whilst reading your leader of July 24th, it occurred to me how much help one *does* actually get when a Vicar emphasises the use of church bells. We are very fortunate in having a Vicar who (although never prompted) is constantly reminding not only his parishioners (by means of the 'Parish Magazine'), but also the general public with an occasional paragraph in the local news.

I enclose his description of one item in the current 'Parish Magazine,' which, I may add, also appeared in the local newspaper. These little items cause many local people to ask questions of the ringers themselves, and create quite an interest and sympathy between the layman and ringer.

G. G.

The paragraph in the 'Parish Magazine' was a description of the ringing of the 'whole pull and stand' by the Burnham ringers on the occasion of the death of Mrs. Margaret Gordon Nott, wife of the Vicar.

'Once having heard the bells rung thus,' the Vicar added, 'one is never likely to forget it. Besides being extremely beautiful, it is a feat requiring considerable skill, as during the pause each bell has to be held on the balance and under absolute control if it is to be struck in perfect time in the next pull. The ringing in Burnham tower on that Sunday morning by our young band of ringers was such as can be heard in few towers in England, and is worthy of the highest credit.'

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AND SIX-BELL CONTEST.

The annual meeting and six-bell contest was held at Saddleworth on Saturday, July 18th. Five sets entered the contest to ring 600 changes, any method, with a preliminary plain course for practice. All the teams rang Oxford, except Liversedge, who rang Cambridge Surprise. The draw for the order of ringing resulted as follows: 1 New Mill, 2 Freizeland, 3 Meltham, 4 Liversedge, 5 Holmfirth.

Tea was served in the Church Inn and about 50 sat down. After the teams had finished ringing the ringers once more adjourned to the Church Inn for the meeting.

The president, Mr. E. Earnshaw, was in the chair. The balance sheet, which showed a slight gain, was read and adopted, and a discussion on the revised rules took place. These latter, with slight alterations, were adopted.

All the officers were re-elected for the ensuing year.

After the usual vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens, etc., had been moved and replied to by Miss Wood (Vicar's warden), the judge, Mr. W. Idle, gave his decision as follows: New Mill, 153 faults; Freizeland, 122 faults; Meltham, 72 faults; Liversedge, 128 faults; Holmfirth, 116 faults. Meltham were, therefore, declared winners.

Miss Wood, in presenting the cup to Mr. Whiteley, the Meltham conductor, congratulated the band on their success, Mr. Whiteley suitably replying.

Further visits to the belfry to try this delightful peal of bells, and other visits to another place to 'try one' with old friends, brought an enjoyable day to an end.

The next contest will be the prize contest.

A DEVON PEAL.

CHRISTOW BELLS RESTORED.

The Parish Church bells at Christow were rededicated on Saturday, July 18th, by the Dean of Exeter (Dr. S. C. Carpenter) in the presence of a large number of parishioners and visitors.

The bells, which are a ring of six, were recast from four larger ones in 1785. They had been rung for over 150 years and had become badly worn. Cleaned, tuned, quarter-turned and entirely refitted at a cost of £300, the whole of which had been subscribed, they have been made into a melodious ring, and parishioners intend to add two to complete the octave.

The Dean gave an address, and other clergy taking part in the service were the Vicar (the Rev. G. Horne), the Rev. J. Snow (Bridford) and the Rev. E. V. Cox (Brampford Speke), president of the Devonshire Guild. Among the congregation were the Rev. A. N. C. Storrs (Whitestone), Rural Dean, Mr. T. Laver, hon. secretary of the Devonshire Guild, and Alderman C. J. Ross (Exeter). Miss Evelyn Ryall was at the organ and the rededication touch was by Christow ringers.

Following the service a band of ringers representing the Devonshire Guild, and conducted by the Rev. E. V. Cox, rang touches of Grandsire and Minor. Bands from Exeter and Bridford also kept the bells going merrily, and other ringers were present from Thorverton, Ide, Sidmouth, Kenn and Trusham.

Later proceedings in the shape of stalls, amusements, tea (provided by Miss D. Holman) and a dance in the Y.M.C.A. hut were held with a view to raising funds for augmenting the appeal.

The success of the undertaking, after many years of hard work, was referred to by Mr. E. Searle (people's warden), who attributed it mainly to the enthusiasm of Mr. E. J. Ryall, hon. secretary of the Parochial Church Council.

The parishioners were thanked for their support by Mr. Ryall, who said the effort had meant a great deal to church life in the parish.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

By kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. F. A. Sadler, a quarterly meeting of the Wellingborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held at Ecton on Saturday, July 18th.

The Guild service was held in the church during the afternoon, conducted by the Rector, who also gave an interesting address, the chief theme of which was partnership. Mr. J. Line, one of the local ringers, officiated at the organ.

Forty-one sat down to tea at the World's End Inn, amongst whom were the Rev. J. H. Smale, of Whiston, the Rev. F. A. Sadler and Mr. R. G. Black, hon. general secretary. The Rector, not being able to stay after tea, was thanked by the Rev. Smale (subsequent chairman of the meeting) for his interesting address and for the use of the bells.

Stanwick was chosen for the next meeting, it being four years since a meeting was held there.

The Rector was elected an honorary member, and three young ringers, also of Ecton, were elected ringing members.

Mention was made of the very sudden death of Mr. James Ward, a well-known Irthlingborough ringer, and of the loss of Dr. Crew, a honorary member, also through death.—The members stood a few moments in silent tribute.

Some of the company after the meeting enjoyed a walk round the grounds of Ecton Hall, through the courtesy of Lt.-Col. Sotheby.

The peal of six rather heavy bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening to various methods of Doubles and Minor.

AMONG THE AEROPLANES AT HANWORTH.

MIDDLESEX RINGERS' INTERESTING AFTERNOON.

The Middlesex County Association (South and West District) held a meeting at Feltham on July 18th. Ringing at St. Catherine's Church was restricted to the afternoon. This was due to an important Masonic function being held near the tower that day. In order to avoid postponing either event(!), negotiations between the Masonic officials and the district secretary resulted in the amicable arrangement as stated.

To avoid disappointing members, another attraction filled in the gap, and a very interesting hour was spent inspecting the works of the British Aircraft Manufacturing Co. at Hanworth Park. Tea, arranged at short notice, was held in the firm's canteen, after which the Ringing Master, Mr. W. H. Coles, led the way to the building in which he spends so much of his time!

Machines were seen in every stage of construction, from the first ribs to the twin engine machine that gained third place in the King's Cup Air Race held recently. It was a most interesting visit, and the chief surprise to everyone was the extreme lightness of construction. The only metal tubing used appeared to be in the engine seatings and the undercarriages, but the woodwork was a joy to inspect. The finished article certainly looked a deal safer than the early skeleton! Several of the visitors sat in a plane for the first time, and one young couple flew away (on the wings of imagination), piloted by the 'secretary-bloke!'

Mr. Coles and the firm were warmly thanked, the former for his painstaking explanations, etc., and the latter for permission to visit the works.

Later in the evening a visit to Bedfont was made in what are familiarly known as thundery showers. It is understood some of the visitors from London who walked to Bedfont expressed themselves in other terms when referring to the wetness!

The Vicar of Bedfont, the Rev. G. H. Bradley, was present to welcome the Guild, and stayed throughout the ringing to chat to members. Various Minor and Doubles methods were rung, the conductor pulling a face or shouting himself hoarse when a call came, according to his personality or lung power. The bells when rung create a terrible din in the ringing chamber.

The ringing at Feltham was very good indeed for a meeting, the methods rung ranging from Grandsire Triples to Spliced Surprise Major. Welcome visitors were Mr. Malcolm Melville, of the Warwickshire Guild, and the President and Chief Grabber of the Tower Grabbers' Union, who had forsaken his Kentish haunts to visit his former colleagues and demonstrate his prowess! A car load of little Coles and Goodfellows with their respective mammas also enlivened the gathering.

5,024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY T. B. WORSLEY.

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43528 H.

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42635 W. H.

64235 H.

26435 H.

Repeat last four courses 35642

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23456 M.

Rung at Hoptonstall, Yorkshire, August 3rd, 1935, conducted by the composer.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

MADELEY, SALOP.—On Sunday evening, July 28th, for the day schools festival, 720 Bob Minor: J. J. Stanier 1, T. Pritchard 2, S. H. Tranter 3, J. W. Tranter 4, H. Newbrook 5, J. L. Stanier (conductor) 6. First 720 of Minor on the bells by a local band.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.—On Sunday, July 28th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: S. Goodwin 1, H. Newell (longest length of Kent 'inside') 2, K. Willers (conductor) 3, V. Chapman 4, A. C. Wilson 5, F. Chapman 6.

ECCELESTON, CHESHIRE.—As a token of farewell to the Rev. F. Okell, who is leaving Eccleston for Malpas, the following regular Sunday service ringers rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Frank Jones 1, George Jones 2, Eric Hughes 3, Thomas Pugh 4, Samuel Jones, sen. 5, Harry Thomas 6, William Hopwood (conductor) 7, Edward Price 8.

EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR.

MR. JAMES BENNETT'S ACHIEVEMENT.

As we recorded last week, Mr. James Bennett, of Lewisham, has now rung a peal on every one of the 366 dates in the year. Only two or three other ringers have done this, but Mr. Bennett has achieved this distinction in a less number of peals than any previous ringer. His total is still less than 900.

Mr. Bennett, who was formerly in the Royal Marines, has another distinction. He rang more peals while with the Forces than any other serving soldier, sailor or marine.



MR. JAMES BENNETT.

POPULAR KENT RINGER'S DEATH.

MR. J. P. COBBOLD, OF LITTLEBOURNE.

The Littlebourne band of the Canterbury District (Kent County Association) has suffered a severe loss by the death of Mr. James Peter Cobbold, which occurred on Tuesday, July 21st, at the age of 60 years.

Although Mr. Cobbold had not been in his usual good health of late, his death came as a great shock to all who knew him, as only on the previous Saturday he had attended the annual outing of the choir and ringers to Eastbourne.

As headmaster of Littlebourne Schools, he was very popular with both scholars and parishioners. He had been a ringer at the Parish Church for a period of nearly 30 years, was secretary of the local band for a number of years, and he was also secretary of the Parochial Church Council.

Mr. Cobbold had only rung two peals, his main interest being in regular attendance for Sunday service ringing and practice. He had also officiated at the organ for the district meetings.

A large congregation met at the Parish Church to pay a last tribute of respect on the occasion of the funeral on July 25th. Fifty of his scholars lined the pathway from the lych gate to the church.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. A. Manley) and was fully choral. Among the many floral tributes was one from the ringers and choir. The bells were rung half-muffled both before and after the service.

The presence of Mr. Cobbold will be greatly missed by his brother ringers, his quiet, yet pleasing, personality making him many fast friends.

Much sympathy has been expressed with the widow and two daughters left in bereavement.

CAVERSHAM BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—On reading last week's issue of 'The Ringing World,' I noticed an outing by the Crawley ringers, who visited Caversham, where the old bells, recently put on ball bearings locally, gave the impression that something more would be desirable. I should have thanked any of them if they had told me the least thing they thought was wrong, instead of putting in print a statement which seems to imply that the work was not properly done, which I maintain is not true. I have been connected with the Caversham tower and church since 1874, and, being the oldest ringer in Caversham, I was asked by the church authorities and ringers to supervise the work, test the bells and report to them, which I did, and it was that all the work according to contract was properly done, and that the guarantee that the bells would be left in perfect ringing order had been fulfilled. All connected with the bells are perfectly satisfied with that report. It seems to me that the writer must have a preference for some particular firm, or else it is the case of a bad workman finding fault with his tools.

T. NEWMAN.

COMMENTS 'NOT IN GOOD TASTE.'

Sir,—The report contained in your issue of 17th inst. of the outing by the Crawley men strikes me as not being quite in accordance with good taste. I read the band visited Caversham, where the bells had lately been rehung locally.

For the information of your readers, I may say that they have been rehung in ball bearings by Richard White, of Appleton, who is carrying on a tradition of four generations. The present 'go' of the bells is such that any band who 'ring' can ring them. The band eventually arrived at Harwell, where the old six were 'restored and augmented to eight by Messrs. . . . A very fine job.' I will not comment on this, having rung at Harwell on several occasions since the rehanging.

On goes the band to Newbury, a grand old eight which were 'done up' by a certain firm. What an expression to apply to good craftsmanship and solid work! Those of us who knew what it was to slog from treble to tenor in the old days when ringing a peal there can thoroughly appreciate what was done, and now trebles are added, perfect to the eight, one can ring and listen with real pleasure, as stated, to one of the nicest tens for their weight in the country.

The foregoing remarks are made in fairness to all concerned, but I think when bells are applied for, and permission granted to ring, comments, adverse or otherwise, should not be made in the Press; neither should any band constitute themselves advertising agents for any particular firm of bellhangers.

A. D. CULLUM.

St. Peter's, Caversham.

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM FLORY.

SUFFOLK LINK WITH DISTANT PAST.

The death occurred on Tuesday week at Ipswich Hospital of Mr. William Flory, of Framlingham, Suffolk, whose long life had made him a link with ringers of a distant past.

Mr. Flory was 81 years of age and was taken ill on July 4th. He was hurriedly removed to hospital, where an operation was performed. This, however, afforded only temporary relief, and he passed peacefully away on July 21st.

Mr. Flory was born at Tannington in 1855. As a boy of ten years of age, he began to ring Grandsire on the old peal of five (all cast by J. Darbie in 1661). After mastering Doubles, he used to walk across the fields to Worlingworth, where he rang Minor with the old Worlingworth ringers, J. Clayton (grandfather to the late Fred Clayton), G. Warne, L. Creasy, F. Newson, J. Newson (who lived to be 100 years old), R. Collins, sen., and David and Edgar Collins. His first peal was one of Bob Major at Framlingham in 1880, and his last in the same tower in 1925. Altogether he rang 82 peals, six of which were on handbells.

The funeral took place on Saturday last, the following ringers attending: Messrs. W. E. Malden, H. and J. Hall, A. Taylor, W. Norman and W. G. Crickmer.

A PEAL WITHDRAWN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the report of a peal of Bob Major, published as having been rung at Ospringe, Kent, on June 1st, I wish to withdraw it. Owing to a mistake, entirely my own fault, the peal was false. With apologies to the band for my forgetfulness.

A. P. CANNON.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LIVERPOOL.—At the Church of St. Francis Xavier, on Sunday evening, July 26th, 1,344 Superlative Surprise Major: Thomas Hammond 1, James Martin 2, George R. Newton (conductor) 3, Frank Varty 4, Thomas W. Gilmour 5, Arnold Bruntton 6, Lester L. Gray 7, Edward Counce 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, July 26th, for matins, at the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street, City, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Chaplin 1, E. Brett 2, P. Spice 3, J. Bennett (conductor) 4, W. F. Tyler 5, F. W. Thornton 6, E. Mounter 7, H. Willson, jun. 8. Rung in connection with the patronal festival.

LITTLE SURPRISE.

BY F. DENCH, SAFFRON WALDEN.

Major	Royal	Maximus
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12537486	1253749608	12537496x8e0
21357846	2135794068	2135794x6e80
23158764	2315970486	231597x4e608
32517846	3251794068	3251794x6e80
23157486	2315749608	23157496x8e0
32514768	3251476980	325147698x08
35217486	3521749608	35217496x8e0
53124768	5312476980	531247698x08
35214678	3521467890	3521467890x8
53126487	5312648709	5312648709x8
51324678	5132467890	5132467890x8
15234768	1523476980	152347698x08
51327486	5132749608	51327496x8e0
15372846	1537294068	1537294x6e80
15738264	1573920486	157392x4e608

This method adapts itself to a perfect construction, also extension to Royal and Maximus. A variety of interesting peals can be obtained which are off the beaten track.

5,088 LITTLE SURPRISE MAJOR.

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624753	—
354726	—

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563742	—
243765	—
324765	—
432765	—
625734	—
435726	—

54632	5th
63542	—
56342	—
35642	—

24653	—
62453	—
46253	—
25463	—
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WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A MEETING AT SOUTHAM.

The summer quarterly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at the old market town of Southam on Saturday, July 18th. The bells, a good peal, with tenor 15½ cwt. in E, were augmented from six to eight by Taylor and Co. in 1913, and 'go' excellently. Ringing began about 3.30, and touches of Grandsire Doubles and Triples and Cambridge Surprise Minor were rung. A short service was held, at which the Rector (the Rev. O. M. Jones) gave an inspiring address.

Tea was partaken of at the Craven Arms, members with friends and wives from Bulkington, Coventry, Brinklow, Leamington, Nuneaton and Rugby being present.

The business meeting followed, the Rector taking the chair. The secretary (Mr. M. Melville) being away on holidays, Mr. J. W. H. White (Ringing Master) undertook the duties.

It was decided to hold the meeting for August at Monks Kirby, for September at Old Bilton, and for October at Bedworth.

One new member was elected and three elections were ratified.

Mr. C. H. Webb mentioned that 'The Ringing World' should have better support. The Rector said he would bring this matter before the clergy of the Guild and ask for their support. He also said he would take a copy himself each week.

A vote of thanks to the Rector for his address and the use of the bells, and to the organist for his services, brought the meeting to a close.

The tower was again visited and the bells kept going until 8 o'clock.

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GREAT YARMOUTH, ST. NICHOLAS.—For the benefit of ringers visiting Yarmouth, the practice night, from July 29th till the end of September, will be held on Wednesdays, at 7.30 p.m. Sunday ringing at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.—All ringers welcome.—J. Harwood, Company Hon. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Allensmore on Saturday, August 1st. Bells (6) available. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m.—R. H. Stickley, Dis. Sec., Froome Bungalow, Mordiford, Hereford.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Urchfont on Saturday, August 1st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30. All Cannings, Chirton and Marden bells available during the evening. All ringing friends welcome. For tea please advise W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The annual meeting will take place on Saturday, August 1st, at Whitworth Parish Church. Tea will be provided at moderate charges to all those who send in their names to Mr. C. Hall, 187, Grove Terrace, Whitworth. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m.—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 3, Nall Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Swavesey on Saturday, August 1st. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Tea 5 p.m. at Isgrove's. Bells recently rehung by Gillett and Johnston—a nice peal. Please come early; good bus and train service. Church close railway.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Over, Cambs.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.—By special permission of the Vicar (Rev. W. M. Irwin) the 10 bells will be available for ringing on Saturday, August 1st, at 3 o'clock. All ringers will be welcome.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Worksop (8 bells) on August Bank Holiday, August 3rd. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Those requiring tea, cafe close by. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Liscard on August Bank Holiday, August 3rd. Service at 11 a.m., preacher Rev. W. S. Coad, M.A., Rural Dean of Wallasey. Meeting at 12 noon. Lunch at 1 p.m., tickets, price 2/- (1/6 to members), obtainable from the branch secretaries.—H. Parker, 3, London Road, Davenham.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on August 4th, St. Magnus' on the 6th and 20th, St. Andrew's on the 13th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 18th, Southwark Cathedral on the 27th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. Ringers' service at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Sunday, September 20th, at seven o'clock.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Rainford Parish Church on Saturday, August 8th. For tea please send names to Mr. J. W. Hall, 99, Bank Villas, Rainford, before Wednesday August 5th.—William Farrimond, Branch Sec., 3, Catherine Street extension, Leicester.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at East Coker on Saturday, August 8th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. Romney Marsh and District Guild.—A meeting will be at New Romney on Saturday August 8th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Service. Tea 5 p.m. You are asked to help make the attendance as large and as representative as possible. Kindly notify me early.—Frank Conley, Sec., 11, Park Rd., Ashford, Kent.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Jarrow on Saturday, August 8th. Ringers please meet at Christ Church, 2.30 p.m. St. Peter's also available. Kindly send p.c. for tea to Mr. H. Hall, 90, Shakespeare Avenue, Hebburn. A good attendance requested.—F. Rolson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Mayfield (8) on Saturday August 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Chishill on Saturday, August 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon and Mid Bucks Branch.—A meeting on behalf of this branch and other ringing friends has been arranged at Thame, Oxon, on Saturday, August 8th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m.—F. W. Woodward, Sec., Chalgrove, near Oxford.

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MULLION, CORNWALL.—The ring of four recast and two trebles added (tenor 11 cwt.), fixed in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, will be dedicated by the Venerable G. W. Hockley, M.A., Archdeacon of Cornwall, on Saturday, 8th August, at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome, and tea will be arranged for visiting ringers.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Bi-quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Sutton Coldfield, on Saturday, August 8th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged. All welcome.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Brookfield, Gorton, on Saturday, August 15th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Service in church at 4.30. Tea in school at 5 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Tea, 1s. each, to all who notify Mr. E. F. Mawby, 529, Manchester Road, Denton, not later than Wednesday, August 12th.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Hon. Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton and Derby Districts. —A joint meeting of the above districts will be held at Repton on Saturday, August 15th. Bells (8) available at 3. Tea at 4.45. Short service at 6.30 p.m. Those intending to be present and who require tea, must notify J. W. Cotton, Overseale, Burton-on-Trent, by August 13th. A good attendance is requested for this joint meeting at this historic place. All ringers and friends welcome.—Geo. Freebrey and J. W. Cotton, Hon. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Summer is coming. Enjoy it in beautiful surroundings by coming to the ringing meeting of the Tonbridge district at Horsmonden on Saturday, August 22nd. Tower open 3 p.m. Half-hourly bus service from Tunbridge Wells. Book to Broadford and walk through the park. Bring a snack with you.—Alec E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, October 31st, at the Bear's Paw Restaurant, Liverpool. Tickets 4/-. Book the date.—Claude I. Davies, Hon. Treasurer.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—My address from today will be Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks. Next meeting August 15th at Ruislip. —F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild (South and West District).

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