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## THE LADIES' GUILD.

For the first time the Ladies' Guild has framed an organisation which is really designed to cover the whole country. Ever since its formation, now more than twenty-five years ago, the Guild has had what may be termed a national status, in that its membership has been open to lady ringers in every part of the country, but only now has its organisation been so spread that it can be said to embrace all the counties. Plans were adopted at the recent annual meeting dividing the country into seven districts, which will enable ladies everywhere to feel that they are in direct touch with their Guild, instead of being, as many of them are, isolated units, who seldom, if ever, have contact with the rest.

The defects of the past in the organisation of the Guild have not been the fault of the executive, which has long been searching for an adequate solution of the great difficulty of bringing the scattered membership into a more cohesive whole upon its limited financial resources. The Guild has grown from very small beginnings; it has had to feel its way under many handicaps, and it still labours under difficulties from which ordinary territorial associations do not suffer, at any rate to the same degree. A county or diocesan organisation with four hundred or five hundred members in a more or less compact area can achieve much; but a similar, or even smaller membership, scattered over the whole country is a very different proposition. For one thing the absence of constant personal contacts makes it extremely hard, if not impossible, to arouse any real enthusiasm, and except in certain centres, where there happens to be a little body of ladies within a small area, this is one of the drawbacks which have made the carrying on of the Ladies' Guild one of so much difficulty. That the Guild has been the success it has is a tribute to the keenness of its officers, and especially to Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, who has been at the secretarial helm from the day of the Guild's inauguration.

The mere reorganisation into more definite and expanded districts will not in itself, however, perform any miracles. There is much work to be done. Hitherto the districts have been, for the most part, very loosely defined, now the country has been divided into clear-cut areas. That they extend to half a dozen counties each may seem, at first sight, to be something in the way of 'out-size' districts to work, but financial requirements have largely dictated the scheme. Smaller districts would have left some of them without sufficient means to carry on, but there is hope that under the new organisation more members will be brought in, and a new enthusiasm for the Guild inspired. There are, we know, some of the

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opposite sex who think the ladies can get all the organisation they need through the existing territorial societies; but there is a place in the Exercise for the Ladies' Guild; its steady growth and the patient endeavour of its officers during more than a quarter of a century have justified it. We hope that the reorganisation will lead eventually to an increasing influx of members and the success which the Guild deserves.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, July 23, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

ALBERT E. NORMAN ... .. 2	H. JAMES TURNER ... .. 6
FRANK E. HAYNES ... .. 2	GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 7
*SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 3	JOHN S. MASON ... .. 8
HENRY H. FEARN ... .. 4	PERCY N. G. RAINEY ... .. 9
FRANK E. PERVIN ... .. 5	WILLIAM DAVIES... .. Tenor

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by ALBERT E. NORMAN.  
\* First peal on ten bells. Rung to commemorate the centenary of the city of Birmingham.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1938, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5010 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Treble	ARNOLD BRUNTON ... .. 6
*SIDNEY HARRISON ... .. 2	†SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... .. 7
COLIN HARRISON ... .. 3	C. FERGUSON HOWITT ... .. 8
HAROLD JENNEY ... .. 4	*ARTHUR DEBENHAM ... .. 9
HARRY WAYNE ... .. 5	JOHN GRANT ... .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ARNOLD BRUNTON  
\* First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal in the method as conductor.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 23, 1938, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb.

*DOUGLAS R. HAYES ... Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 2	MAURICE SMITHER ... .. 7
HENRY HUTTON... .. 3	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... .. 8
ERNEST J. AVLIFFE ... .. 4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE... .. 9
†WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 5	HARRY MULLARD... .. Tenor

Composed by J. ROGERS. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.  
\* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. A birthday compliment to H. Hutton.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1938, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, PRITTLEWELL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*ALBERT E. NORTH ... Treble	*FRANCIS G. GLEAVES... .. 6
ERNEST W. PYE... .. 2	*CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... .. 7
*FRANK B. LUFKIN ... .. 3	FREDERICK DENCH ... .. 8
*HILDA G. SNOWDEN ... .. 4	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 9
JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 5	JOHN W. WARD ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK DENCH.  
\* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

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**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY HOVERD ... .. Treble	*JAMES E. BAILEY ... .. 5
HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 2	*THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 3	HARRY PARKES ... .. 7
HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... .. 4	*PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

\* First peal of 'New' Cambridge. Rung in honour of the patronal festival.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 2, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9 cwt, 3 qr. 26 lb.

*DOUGLAS WATSON, SEN. ... Treble	FRED HARTMAN ... .. 5
HARRY LEWIS ... .. 2	WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... .. 6
RALPH G. EDWARDS ... .. 3	HARRY PYE ... .. 7
FRANK VARTY ... .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

\* First peal on eight bells.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 2, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM E. WATHEN ... Treble	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... .. 5
KEITH W. WHITTELL ... .. 2	SHELFORD SPARROW ... .. 6
*CLEM W. CRACKNELL ... .. 3	HARRY D. LISTER ... .. 7
GEORGE W. ABLITT ... .. 4	EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by H. D. LISTER.

\* First attempt for a peal in the method.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(St. Andrew's Guild, Earls Colne.)

On Saturday, July 2, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

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

Tenor 20 cwt. in F.

*HARRY CARTER ... .. Treble	VICTOR MORLEY ... .. 5
CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... .. 2	CYRIL SAYWARD ... .. 6
FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... .. 3	†RALPH BIRD ... .. 7
FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 4	WALTER ARNOLD ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WALTER ARNOLD.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 5 and 7.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt, 3 qr. 19 lb.

ARTHUR WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... .. 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... .. 2	GEORGE SPENCER ... .. 6
ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 3	ARTHUR DEBENHAM ... .. 7
CECIL E. CARR ... .. 4	J. LESLIE WILLIAMS ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

First peal in the method by all the band, except ringers of 2nd and 3rd, on the bells, and first in the method as conductor.

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CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 16, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART. No. 13.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*ALFRED W. GLAZZARD ... Treble	RALPH W. SAYERS ... .. 5
ERNEST WILSON ... .. 2	WALTER H. RAXTER ... .. 6
GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. 7
RAYMOND C. SAYERS ... .. 4	FREDERICK G. YATES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

\* First peal on eight bells. Rung as a welcome home to the Rev. W. E. Harley, M.A. (curate), and Mrs. Harley, who returned from their honeymoon the same week.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 17, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CASSION,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... Treble	DONALD MARSH ... .. 5
BERNARD LAWTON ... .. 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 6
JOHN BASS ... .. 3	PERCY RICHARDS ... .. 7
BERNARD ASHFORD ... .. 4	*FRED WILLIAMS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\* First peal at first attempt. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. L. Harold Hinrichs, Rector of Grace Church, Nutley, New Jersey, prior to his return to U.S.A.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 18, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

*PHILIP A. CORBY ... Treble	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... .. 5
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... .. 2	HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... .. 6
JOHN WHEADON ... .. 3	JAMES E. BAILEY ... .. 7
DEREK M. SHARP ... .. 4	THOMAS MORTIMER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. BAILEY.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Frank Clarke, M.P. for the Dartford Parliamentary Division and a prominent Erithian, who was interred at Erith Cemetery on July 16th.

WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WEST DORSET BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, July 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CANDIDA AND THE HOLY CROSS,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 21 cwt.

CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL Treble	HENRY G. KEELEY ... .. 5
JOHN E. PHILBRICK ... .. 2	FRANK PRICE ... .. 6
H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ... .. 3	REV. C. CAREW COX ... .. 7
GEORGE H. WHITEMORE ... .. 4	CHARLES H. LATHY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by REV. C. CAREW COX.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. James Crompton, who was inducted to the benefice on July 12th.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES RAISON ... Treble	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. 5
*HAROLD SMITH ... .. 2	ERNEST PARKER ... .. 6
SIDNEY HILLIER ... .. 3	GILBERT H. HARDING ... .. 7
FRANK PENN ... .. 4	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. BARKER.

Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS.

\* First peal of Major.

**MUFFLED BELLS.**

As a last token of respect to Mr. W. Rhead, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,320 changes) was rung after the funeral at Monks Kirby on July 11th by W. Parnell 1, W. Abbotts 2, A. Abbotts 3, W. Southam 4, B. Devs 5, T. Pittham (conductor) 6, L. Clarke 7, P. Hall 8. This is the longest touch ever rung by the local Sunday service band at this church.

## HILGAY, NORFOLK.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 20, 1938, in 1 w 1 Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM T. GODFREY ... Treble	FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... 5
*ALFRED E. BACON ... 2	ARTHUR G. BASON ... 6
WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... 7
CHARLES W. COOK ... 4	CLAUDE COUSINS ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

\* First peal of Double Norwich 'inside.'

## HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 20, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. in A.

KENNETH W. MAYER ... Treble	JOHN WALDEN ... 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 6
JOHN FREEMAN ... 3	*A. PATRICK CANNON ... 7
*WALTER TOMLINSON ... 4	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN

\* First peal of London.

## LISCARD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, July 21, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

DOUGLAS WATSON, SEN. ... Treble	J. NORMAN BENSON ... 5
LESTER L. GRAY ... 2	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 6
*ROBERT J. LEAR ... 3	GEORGE LEDSHAM ... 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 4	FRANK VARTY ... Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS.

Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

\* First peal.

## GRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12¾ cwt.

ALAN R. PINK ... Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
HARRY HOSKINS ... 2	DEREK M. SHARP ... 6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 3	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 7
JAMES BENNETT ... 4	HARRY HOVERD ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

*CHARLES S. SMITH ... Treble	PERCY GREEN ... 5
GEORGE GREEN ... 2	HARRY WAIN ... 6
HERBERT DEVENISH ... 3	*SIDNEY EASTER ... 7
HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 4	FRED CHALK ... Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN H. WOOD.

Conducted by PERCY GREEN.

\* First peal of Major and first attempt.

## CHIPPENHAM, WILTSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S.

Tenor 16 cwt.

SIDNEY WILTSHIRE ... Treble	THOMAS R. DAVIDSON ... 5
FRED LAMBETH ... 2	*HERBERT MARSH ... 6
ERNEST J. TRUMAN ... 3	ALBERT OWEN WRINTMORE ... 7
ARTHUR PRINCE ... 4	†HARRY HEATH ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.

\* First peal of Stedman. † First peal.

## HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, July 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... Treble	ROLAND BIGGS ... 5
CHARLES POTHECARY ... 2	F. DONALD BOREHAM ... 6
WALTER LEE ... 3	ALBERT C. DARNELL ... 7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... 4	JAMES BULLOCK ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by A. C. DARNELL.

A birthday compliment to J. S. Hawkins, David Wright and the conductor.

## HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

FRED WATKINSON ... Treble	JAMES H. HAYWARD ... 5
MISS LUCY KELLY ... 2	FREDERICK CARDWELL ... 6
RONALD BIRCH ... 3	JOHN E. TURLEY ... 7
MRS. J. E. TURLEY ... 4	JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by J. J. L. GILBERT.

Rung by Sunday service ringers as a compliment to their Rector, the Rev. W. A. Baker, who was installed as Archdeacon of Sheffield two days' earlier.

## NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

G. KENNETH LEWIS ... Treble	ERIC B. HARTLEY ... 5
*ARNOLD WORTH ... 2	JAMES A. MILNER ... 6
JOHN WORTH ... 3	JAMES FERNLEY ... 7
REV. FRANK BONNER ... 4	LIONEL CLOUGH ... Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE.

Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

## LYDD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

*HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREY Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... 5
*DORIS G. DOBBIE ... 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 6
WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... 7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 4	HARRY PARKES ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal of Superlative. First peal in a Surprise method on the bells.

## KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

EDWARD E. DAVEY ... Treble	*WILLIAM A. ROUSE ... 5
*MRS. W. A. ROUSE ... 2	WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... 6
†MISS DAISY M. ANDREWS ... 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... 7
*MISS VIOLET A. FROST ... 4	HORACE A. WRIGHT ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by E. E. DAVEY.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major.

## KINGSTON'S RESTORED BELLS.

The first quarter-peal by a Sunday service band at Kingston-on-Thames since the rehanging of the bells was rung for morning service on Sunday—a quarter-peal of Grandshire Triples: H. Howes 1, C. C. Rayner 2, W. Nash 3, W. Massey 4, G. C. Goodman 5, H. W. Barrett 6, F. E. Hawthorne (conductor) 7, W. Maxwell 8.



**SIX BELL PEALS.**

KIDSGROVE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 16, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Forty-two six-scores, with ten callings.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*RICHARD T. HOLDING ... Treble	*THOMAS HURD ... 4
*ERNEST G. KETTLE ... 2	*ANDREW THOMPSON ... 5
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT CRAWLEY.

\* First peal of Stedman Doubles. Rung as a compliment to Miss Nancy Thompson, of Newcastle, on the occasion of her 21st birthday.

BROCKWORTH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(GLOUCESTER BRANCH.)

(On Saturday, July 16, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES:**

Being 10 six-scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's, all called differently.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*RONALD WRIGHT ... Treble	THOMAS WORRALL ... 4
ERNEST MATTHEWS ... 2	LESLIE BARRY ... 5
REGINALD DANIELS ... 3	CHARLES HODGES ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

\* First peal. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

FORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being one extent each of Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent.

Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

GEORGE BERRY ... Treble	WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... 4
THOMAS PRICE ... 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 5
FREDERICK PRICE ... 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

First peal in seven Treble Bob methods on the bells and for the association, also by all the band except the ringer of the 5th.

HIGHAM ST. MARY, SUFFOLK.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

On Sunday, July 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Comprising two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

*ETHEL M. WRIGHT ... Treble	BERTHA REEVE ... 4
DAISY M. ANDREWS ... 2	SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... 5
ELEANOR REEVE ... 3	HILDA G. SNOWDEN ... Tenor

Jointly Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER and HILDA G. SNOWDEN

\* First peal in three methods. First peal by a band of ladies in the Eastern Counties.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 19, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

FREDRICK G. HOOPER ... Treble	KENNETH W. MAYER ... 4
MISS DOROTHY VESSEY ... 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 5
R. THOMAS VESSEY ... 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

EASEBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Seven extents, each called differently.

Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.).

FRANCIS S. WILSON ... Treble	*EDWIN S. SMITH ... 4
ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... 2	†CECIL C. WRIGHT ... 5
CYRIL S. WEST ... 3	CHARLES E. BASSETT ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. BASSETT.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Minor and first attempt. First peal of Minor as conductor. First peal on the bells.

TILSWORTH, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 21, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being an extent each of Woodbine, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob and two extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr.

*MISS BETTY COPSON ... Treble	†ERIC SHARP ... 4
FREDERICK VICKERS ... 2	HERBERT L. HARLOW ... 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(NORTH NORFOLK BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

A. HECTOR HOLLIDAY ... Treble	GEORGE BAILEY ... 4
*WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 2	WILLIAM CLOVER ... 5
GEORGE MAYERS ... 3	HENRY TOOKE ... Tenor

Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.

\* First peal in seven methods. First peal as conductor in seven methods. The conductor is branch secretary and the rest are members of the branch committee.

WICKHAMBEAUX, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Seven different extents.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

STANLEY WHITE ... Treble	PETER J. H. SMALL ... 4
WILLIAM E. PITMAN ... 2	J. WALTER ... 5
FREDERICK G. BRETT ... 3	SIDNEY WALTER ... Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY WHITE.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band.

ALDFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

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

Comprising seven extents, viz.: Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... Treble	PERCY SWINDLEY ... 4
FRANK VARTY ... 2	*HARRY PYE ... 5
DOUGLAS WATSON, JUN. ... 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Conducted by R. G. EDWARDS.

\* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods as conductor.

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THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 24, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Being 16 extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Bob Doubles and 10 of Grandsire, with 18 callings. Tenor 8½ cwt.

LESLIE J. HAWKINS ... .. 1-Treble	GILBERT W. RENDELL ... .. 4
MRS. G. W. RENDELL ... .. 2	WALTER H. POOLE ... .. 5
DOUGLAS W. RANSOM ... .. 3	STANLEY A. GUPPY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. W. RENDELL.

Rung to welcome the new Rector, the Rev. R. Fitz-James Sawyer, to the living of Hardington-Mandeville.

STOKE-BY-NAYLAND, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. Mary-Le-Tower Society.)

On Sunday, July 24, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 26 cwt.

RONALD W. STEWARD ... .. Treble	JOHN W. WARD ... .. 4
SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... .. 2	*ALAN R. ANDREWS ... .. 5
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... .. 3	*ERNEST W. PYE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

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

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Seven Minutes,

At Restormel, James Lane,

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

MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... .. 1-2	JACK HOBDEN ... .. 5-6
FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. 3-4	RAYMOND OVERY ... .. 7-8

Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.

Witness—Arthur Brown.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**

**RINGING MISSIONARIES CONVERTED INTO CRICKETERS.**

The July meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at Hunslet on July 23rd (one week earlier than usual, in order to avoid Leeds 'holiday week,' which starts on Saturday). It is a number of years since the Leeds Society visited Hunslet, and on arrival the visitors found a welcome from Mr. Cole, who with a little help had been very busy making ready for the event. Unfortunately a number of weddings (actually there were seven) delayed the start of ringing.

Ringing, however, commenced soon after 4 p.m., and, except for the usual breaks, continued until 9 o'clock.

The business meeting was held in the tower, the president (the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews) occupying the chair. Members were present from Armley, Batley, Drighlington, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Rothwell and the local company. Mr. R. F. Deal, of London, was present, also Mr. Maurice Hodgson, a member of the society on leave from his work in London. Two new members, Messrs. George Smith and Allan White, of the Hunslet tower, were elected.

The vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and the local company was proposed by the president and seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson.

The Rev. D. H. S. Mould acknowledged the vote and said he was pleased to see the visitors, but regretted that more of his own ringers were not present. They had gone out to try and interest more of the young men of the parish in ringing, but they themselves had been invited to join the church cricket team, and were at that moment finishing off a match.

The next meeting of the society is to be held at Calverley on August 27th.

**PEAL NOTES.**

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The tenor was rung by Ernest W. Pye, son of the late Mr. William Pye, one of the greatest tenor ringers of all time.

Mr. Urban W. Wildney has now rung to peals all the bells in his local tower, Kirby-le-Soken, Essex.

Mr. F. G. Brett, of Canterbury, has completed peals of Kent Treble Bob, from Minor to Maximus. He took part in seven 720's of Minor on Saturday at Wickhambreaux, which was the first peal of Kent on the bells and by all the band.

Mr. Herbert Marsh, a member of St. Paul's Church ringers, Chippenham, obtained his first peal of Stedman on July 23rd at the ninth attempt, the last attempt being in 1934.

**PEAL NOTES.**

**EASTERN COUNTIES' LADIES' PEAL.**

The first peal in the Eastern Counties by ladies resident in the area was rung on Sunday week at Higham, Suffolk, and it was a highly creditable performance, seeing that the majority of the band have only just begun peal ringing.

The peal, which was in three methods of Minor, was arranged to celebrate the decision to form a new Eastern District that is shortly to be inaugurated in the reorganisation of the Ladies' Guild.

The conducting was jointly shared by those two enthusiastic young ladies, Miss Sylvia Bowyer, of Ipswich, and Miss Hilda Snowden, of Halstead. It is hoped this is the forerunner of many other peal performances by ladies in the Eastern Counties, and that many other members of the sex will follow the example that has been set.

The band who rang the handbell peal at Burgess Hill, Sussex, on July 1st, have not been long in following up their initial success. They have rung another peal of Bob Major with a different conductor.

The new incumbent of Hardington-Mandeville, Somerset, was welcomed on Sunday with a peal of Doubles on the bells of his Parish Church.

Mr. J. E. Bailey rang his fiftieth peal for the Kent County Association on July 2nd, when, deputising at short notice, he took part in a peal of New Cambridge at Swanscombe.

For six weeks, the Rev. L. Harold Hinricks, Rector of Grace Church, Nutley, New Jersey, U.S.A., carried out the duties of priest-in-charge at Chaddesley Corbett, Worcestershire, during the absence in America of the Rector. On July 19th, Mr. Hinricks returned to U.S.A., but two days before his departure a peal was rung at Chaddesley Corbett as a compliment and farewell to him.

At Claines, Worcestershire, a peal of Oxford Bob Triples on July 16th was a 'welcome home' to the Rev. W. E. Harley (curate) and Mrs. Harley, on their return from their honeymoon.

The Rector of Handsworth, Sheffield (the Rev. W. A. Baker) was installed as Archdeacon of Sheffield, at Sheffield Cathedral, on July 21st. Last Saturday his Sunday service ringers rang a peal of Bob Major in his honour. It also served as a birthday peal to John Gilbert, who called the peal from the tenor and thereby completed the 'circle' of the tower.

Another ringer to 'circle' a tower is Mr. Lionel Clough, who has now rung all the bells to a peal at Norbury, Cheshire, where he is a member of the band.

A peal of Grandsire Caters to commemorate the centenary of the city of Birmingham was rung at St. Philip's Cathedral on Saturday.

**NORFOLK BRANCH OFFICIALS' PEAL.**

At Buxton, Norfolk, where the Rev. H. W. Benson, chairman of the North Norfolk Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association, is Vicar, a peal of Minor was rung on Saturday by five elected members of the Branch Committee and the branch secretary (Mr. H. Tooke), who called his first peal in seven methods.

The first peal in seven Treble Bob methods for the Shropshire Association was rung on July 17th at Forton. Only one member of the band, Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst, had previously rung a peal in seven Treble Bob Minor methods, either.

Mr. Herbert L. Harlow, of Bedford, rang his 250th peal on July 21st, when he took part in seven 720's of Minor at Tilsworth, Bedfordshire.

A peal of Stedman Doubles rung at Kildgrove, Staffordshire, on July 16th, for the 21st birthday of Miss Nancy Thompson, of Newcastle, Staffs, enabled Mr. R. T. Holding, of Crewe, to complete peals of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

Having already rung a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods, Mr. Walter Tomlinson, of Lincoln Cathedral company, has just rung his first peal of London Surprise Major. This was at Harmston on July 20th.

A peal of Minor on tower bells in 2 hours 20 minutes is 'good going,' at any rate in regard to pace. This was done at Barnby-in-the-Willows, Notts, on July 19th, when the quickest peal on the bells was rung.

Peals in all the four standard methods have now been rung on the bells at Whitechurch Canonorum, Dorset, the last being Grandsire Triples on July 19th. The chairman of the West Dorset Branch was the conductor, Mr. C. H. Lathey, the hon. secretary, and Messrs. Bishop and Powell, Ringing Masters, took part. With the exception of Messrs. Bishop and Lathey, the band was made up from Lyme Regis tower. The peal was rung as a welcome to the new Vicar.

Miss Hilda Snowden and her brother, Claude, rang in their first peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Prittlewell, Essex, on Saturday (incidentally there were three other 'firsts'). They have now rung peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus, and Mr. Fred Dench, who called the peal, has composed, rung and conducted peals of Cambridge Surprise Major, Royal and Maximus, twice over. The Minor, he says, has beaten him, but we hardly like to believe that.

The first peal on the bells at Easebourne, Sussex, was rung on July 20th. The ringers thank Mr. Jack Etherington for getting the bells ready and for his kind hospitality after the peal.

A peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Stoke-by-Nayland, Suffolk, on Sunday, was the quickest peal on the bells, although it took 3 hours 8 minutes. But the tenor is 26 cwt.

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**KIRTLINGTON BELLS RESTORED.****TREBLE RECAST BY OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

The Bicester Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild now possesses another fine ring of eight. The bells at Kirtlington were rededicated on Thursday, July 21st, after a visit to Loughborough. The treble and seventh have been recast, the treble, as recorded in the inscription, 'by the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers,' and the seventh by the Emma Barron Trust. The other bells have been tuned and the octave hung in new cast iron frame with new fittings. They are now a very fine eight, with 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. tenor.

The Rev. Canon A. W. Batchelor, D.C.I., Rural Dean, performed the dedication service, assisted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. W. Bennett, and other clergy.

After a very bright service and an interesting sermon by the Rural Dean, a long evening was left for ringing, which was appreciated by a goodly number of visitors. A course of Stedman Triples was rung by a representative band, consisting of officers of the Guild, with Mr. J. P. Fidler, of the Loughborough Foundry, whilst the procession of clergy and choir went back to the east end from the tower, and the local men rang call changes as the congregation dispersed.

Then Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Bristol Surprise, with other items, floated over the village. It is hoped that the local band will now soon become change ringers and enjoy their bells more than in days gone by.

**NEW SOCIETY'S FIRST QUARTER-PEAL.**

The first attempt made for a quarter-peal by the association formed in March this year in Keresley and Coundon, Warwickshire, was successful. On Whit Tuesday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, with ten callings, was rung at St. Thomas' Church, Keresley: S. Oughton 1, P. Stone 2, A. W. Bristow (first quarter-peal 'inside') 3, S. J. Oughton 4, W. A. Stote (conductor) 5. First quarter-peal by S. and S. J. Oughton, who have only been method ringing for four months. There are twelve ringers at the tower, all members of the Warwickshire Guild.

**HORNSEY RINGERS' FIRST 720.**

The ringers of Hornsey Parish Church on their annual outing celebrated the occasion by ringing 720 changes of Grandsire Doubles, in 24 minutes, on the bells of the lovely old Parish Church of Wallington, Herts: W. Blee 1, K. Robinson 2, E. G. Hibble 3, R. J. Franklin 4, J. Clowston (conductor) 5, J. Keep (Wallington) 6. For all, save the conductor and Mr. Hibble, this was a first 720.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****A MEMORIAL FUND.**

The summer festival of the Ely Diocesan Association was held at Wisbech on Saturday. Members came from Cambridge, Chatteris, Elm, Ely, Fincham, Great Shelford, Gressenhall, Harston, Hilgay, Newton, Peterborough, Pinchbeck, Pulham, Ramsey, Shouldham, Swaffham, Terrington St. Clement, Terrington St. John, Tydd St. Giles, Trumpington, Walsoken and Wisbech. Service was conducted by the Vicar, and Mrs. W. W. Cousins acted as organist.

After tea the business meeting was held in the tower, with the Rev. Canon Covey-Crump in the chair.

The summer festival in 1939 is to be at St. Neots.

It was decided to open a fund towards the memorial to the late Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, each district secretary to be asked to appeal to his members, to supplement the grant already voted from the funds of the association. The memorial is to take the form of a tablet in Watlington Church.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar, the Rev. H. K. Stallard, to Canon Covey Crump and to Mrs. Cousins.

Good use was made of the delightful ring of ten bells during the afternoon and evening.

**'CATHEDRAL' OF VALE OF BELVOIR.****APPEAL FOR RESTORATION OF BELLS.**

The bells of Langar Church, Notts, have got into a very dilapidated condition and have been silent for some years. The death-watch beetle has wrought havoc in the old timber of the frame, the bearings and fittings are dropping to pieces, and to put the bells into order again a sum of over £250 is required, while if a treble is added to make a ring of six while the other work is being carried out, another £70 will be needed.

The Rector, the Rev. J. Kyrle Chatfield, writes to 'The Ringing World' appealing for help for the scheme. He says, 'The sum required to be spent on the church bells is beyond the resources of our parish of well under 500 souls. A fund has been opened at the Nottingham Savings Bank, and about £27 there stands to our credit.'

'In one of the so-called deserted villages of Nottinghamshire we possess a magnificent church, commonly known as the Cathedral of the Vale of Belvoir. A generation ago large sums were raised for the repair of the nave roof, etc. But nothing has been done for the bells for nearly eighty years. Of course, we should like such a venerable church as ours to possess six bells, but the repair of the five existing bells brooks no delay. I appeal to all your readers to help as generously as they can. I will gladly acknowledge any sums forwarded to me to Langar Rectory, near Barnstone, Notts.'

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. Rupert Richardson wishes to thank all the ringers who so kindly supported him in his effort for the Surfleet Church Heating Fund by sharing in the opportunity of buying a bicycle. The privilege of securing the machine for a penny went to the holder of ticket No. 1,523, Mrs. J. Summerfield, The Reservoir, Surfleet. By this effort the fund was helped to the extent of £30 5s. 10d.

Hartfield in Sussex has a ring of six bells, all of them originally cast in 1782. A list of the bells, framed in the belfry, records that the tone of one of them used to vary with the changes of the weather. On examination it was found that the bell was cracked. So, probably, was the person who thought of the weather as the reason for the variation of tone.

It must be a rare occurrence for two London Surprise Major bands to be in a tower together on a practice night, but last week at St. Peter's, Brighton, one band rang a course of this method, while another sat in the tower, 'umpiring' it.

The Vicar of Erdington has appointed Mr. J. Preston as Ringing Master. Mr. G. F. Swann will act as deputy.

The 'Somerset' week, which has been enjoyed for several years by some well-known members of the Exercise, begins to-morrow, with headquarters, as usual, at Wrington. It is something of the 'go-as-you-please' order.

Other 'weeks' in the near future, devoted principally to peal ringing, are to take place in Staffordshire and Shropshire; Gloucestershire; and Cornwall.

A band from Birmingham had an unfortunate experience at Manchester on a recent Saturday. They attempted a peal of Stedman Cinques on the new bells at the Town Hall, but after three and a half hours of excellent ringing, with the end well in sight, the tenor ringer had to give up owing to exhaustion.

## THE ADVANTAGES OF BEGINNING EARLY.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—There seem to be many differences about the best age to begin ringing. Most ringers think that only adults should learn. I am convinced that there is something in it, but that in itself the idea is mistaken. Undoubtedly teaching children is an art, and it is one that one cannot expect ringers, as a rule, to possess. On the other hand, it is much easier for children to learn how to handle a bell when young, and if they have thoroughly mastered it then, they will never lose that much skill.

Again, what boys learn as children they often want to forget when growing up.

I have found the best way to combine these differing requirements is to let children learn to manage a bell as soon as they are able to reach the rope; on no account to press them, rather to discourage them, and certainly not to teach them to ring more changes than the four-and-twenty on four bells, till they are at least fourteen. After that age, if they take to it, they will probably become keen change ringers.

Members of P.C.C.'s usually believe, or can easily be persuaded, that children learning to ring will damage bells. It should be pointed out to them that before anyone can ring they must learn, and that if they have learned when young, the bells must necessarily be much less knocked about. In fact, that children, properly supervised, are not strong enough to do much harm to bells.

It may be that this is the difficulty, and that the P.C.C. in question only meant that children, if they learn, must be properly supervised, but have expressed themselves awkwardly. I think we all should agree that children must always be supervised, and that it is not everyone who can look after children.

HERBERT DRAKE.

## A BOOK FOR CONDUCTORS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—With regard to the suggestion at the Central Council meeting that a book for conductors be published, I think this is worthy of support. It would be very convenient for conductors to have such information in a small and concise book, which should also contain touches of various lengths in Minor methods, such as Treble Bob, Double Court and others, which young conductors often have difficulty in finding when various lengths are required for Sunday service ringing. I think there would be a demand for such a book.

S. J. PECK.

Eynesbury, St. Neots, Hunts.

## MR. W. H. LAWRENCE'S THANKS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I desire to tender my sincere and heartfelt thanks to the many kind friends who so generously subscribed to the testimonial presented to me at the meeting at Little Munden on Saturday, July 16th. I value it more than words can express and hope to meet many of those who were unable to be present to thank them personally as opportunity presents itself.

W. H. LAWRENCE.

Little Munden.



## LEADING CONDUCTORS—29.

## CHARLES T. COLES.

Few ringers have done so much to further and develop the art as Mr. Charles T. Coles, hon. secretary of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, or have spent more time and thought in the interests of the Exercise than he. Mr. Coles is one of those who takes his ringing in dead earnest, and it is that which has made his long years of service to his association so invaluable. Although he has done more peal ringing than most people, his contribution to the promotion of change ringing has been displayed with equal enthusiasm in many directions.

Born at Islington, he learned to ring a bell at St. George's-in-the-East, London, and it was there that he rang his first peal on March 30th, 1905. Since 1909, however, he has been attached to St. Mary's, Walthamstow. In 1910 he was elected joint hon. secretary of the Middlesex Association, and secretary of the North and East District. He has energetically served the association as a secretary ever since, and last April, when there was a redrafting of the rules and a rearrangement of offices, he was elected the first general hon. secretary of the association, which he has represented on the Central Council since 1921.

It was his connection with the late Mr. William Pye which built up Mr. Coles' peal ringing career, and he rang 621 peals with that great master of the art, to whose help and advice, both in ringing and conducting, Mr. Coles attributes much of his success.

Mr. Coles, who rang his first peal as conductor at St. James', Clerkenwell, on Jan. 14th, 1911, when he called a peal of Superlative Surprise Major, has now rung 959 peals (including 11 on handbells), of which he has conducted 256. These peals have included many notable performances. For instance, he was one of the company who, although not actually the first to ring Spliced Surprise Major, were pioneers in the development of this form of ringing.

Peals in all numbers of methods from three to twelve were rung by the same band, and they include the only peals in ten, eleven and twelve Surprise Major methods yet rung, and the record of 5,760 in nine methods at Willesden on December 1st, 1931.

Mr. Coles has taken part in other interesting records, among them the longest length of Cambridge Surprise Royal, 10,440 changes, at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on December 26th, 1923, and the record length of 15,312 Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne on August 5th, 1929, as well as in the two great performances of 7,392 of Cambridge Maximus at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, London, on December 19th, 1925, and the 5,280 in the same method at Exeter Cathedral on October 15th, 1932. Altogether Mr. Coles has taken part in 82 peals of Surprise Maximus, including the only peals of Spliced Surprise Maximus yet rung. Three times he has rung two peals of Surprise Maximus in one day, and he was one of the band who made a flying trip to Dublin and scored the only peal of Cambridge Maximus rung out of England. He has conducted peals of Cambridge Surprise from Minor to Maximus, and of Yorkshire from Major to Maximus. At Walthamstow in 1926 he conducted the first and, up till now, the only peal of Spliced Cateters in three methods—Erin, Stedman and Grandshire. His peals have been spread over 323 towers in 47 counties (46 in England and Wales and five in Ireland), and they have been rung for 32 associations and guilds.

## WOKING RINGER'S DEATH.

The funeral took place on Tuesday of Mr. Fred Elliott, a member of the Guildford Diocesan Guild attached to the band at Woking. He was only 32 years of age and died from septicæmia following teeth extraction. In addition to being a ringer, he was a chorister and Sunday School teacher, and also a special constable.

Before and after the funeral, at which there was a large attendance, the bells of the Parish Church were rung half-muffled.

The deceased was shortly to have been married, and much sympathy is felt with the bereaved family and his fiancée.



MR. CHARLES T. COLES.

## STEDMAN TRIPLES.

## UNPROVEN PROPOSITIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am once more compelled to protest against the unscientific way in which real problems connected with the scientific side of ringing are treated by certain members of the Exercise and also at the airy way in which unproven propositions are said to be obvious.

On page 135 of the new book on Stedman we are informed that it is a fact 'that a peal in the method with ordinary bobs only is not possible,' and, whilst I would agree with the author when he says it is a difficult thing to prove, I cannot agree with him when he says that it is a fact that cannot be doubted; in fact, there are certain indications that a peal without singles is within the bounds of possibility. I do not say that it is possible to compose such a peal, but I maintain that until a definite proof is put forward, one way or the other, the question should be considered as open and the issue should not be clouded by mere supposition unless that supposition be of a constructive type. It must be remembered that in the past many things have been stated by members of the Exercise to be impossible of achievement which have been successfully brought to fruition, e.g., Thurstons is stated to have declared that a peal with two singles (doubles) was impossible, and again only recently I showed that it was possible to obtain an exact two-part peal in this method with only two singles after it had been stated to be impossible.

The arguments Mr. Trollope puts forward, which are based on a resemblance between Plain Bob Q sets and those of Stedman, cannot be substantiated to any great extent, as the context of any row in the one is fixed by the position of the treble, whilst in the case of the other, the preceding and the following rows can be arrived at by several different transpositions, all of which must be considered as taking their own part in the list of Q sets of the final composition. It might seem to be absurd to consider, say, each thirds in the slow as being part of a Q set, but it is as well to remember that Shipway and W. H. Thompson both obtained peals of Original Triples (they gave them as Grandshire with fifth's place bobs) by the use of third's and fifth's place bobs only, and it is obvious that a normal peal of Stedman is little more than a peal of spliced Original and Reverse Original Triples with third and fifth place bobs, so that it would seem that it is quite pertinent to ask for a definite proof that a peal without singles is impossible.

Somewhat later in the book (page 139) we are informed that whilst in theory it is easy to compose a peal of Stedman based on B blocks, 'in practice the problem is complicated by the fact that sooner or later you . . . find that a row needed as a six-end occurs in the middle of a six. This is probably the reason (compared with a defective knowledge of Q sets) why it took John Noonan so very many hours of patient experimenting . . . and why he had to make use of as many as 22 singles.' Here again it is exceedingly difficult to agree with what is said, as it seems to me that the only rational way to compose an extent peal is to collect the material together in a suitable form (B blocks or modified P blocks) and then to proceed to join it together and not, as is implied here, to proceed with the composition in a hand to mouth manner. If the B block ends (or heads) are chosen first of all, then it is easy to see by mere inspection if the necessary shunts can be obtained, so that if not, the offending block can be replaced before the composition proper is commenced. It would seem that any procedure, involving a hit and miss method, would indicate just as defective knowledge of Q sets as it is implied Noonan had.

It might also be pointed out that even if a peal is composed from pure B blocks there is no necessity for there to be more than six consecutive calls at any point in the peal, and also there is no foundation for the general statement that 'it would be difficult to call.'

I might also point out as a matter of general interest that Edwards' peal can be put into a regular form by calling a single instead of a bob when 4-5 are behind at any place in the first half-peal and then repeating the whole. The special calls which are repeatedly deplored are not essential.

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G. W. SLACK.

## GLOUCESTER RINGERS ENTERTAINED AT WHITMINSTER

A very successful meeting of the Gloucester Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Whitminster on Saturday, when about 30 ringers and friends attended and rang on the six bells during the afternoon.

After service, tea was partaken of at Whitminster House through the kind generosity of Miss Teesdale, who heartily welcomed the members to her residence. At the business meeting which followed, two new honorary members and five performing members were elected, while a collection on behalf of the Belfry Fund realised 8s. 6d.

Ex-Sergt. Williams proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector (the Rev. R. J. Jackson) and to Miss Teesdale for providing such an excellent tea. This was seconded by Mr. J. Austin.

Both the Rector and Miss Teesdale suitably responded, the latter saying she hoped the association would pay another visit in the near future.

The handbells were then brought into use by ex-Sergt. Williams, Mr. J. Austin and other members of the company.

## PEAL OF EIGHT FOR SURREY VILLAGE.

### SUCCESSFUL INCORPORATION OF PRE-REFORMATION BELLS.

Ewhurst, a Surrey beauty spot, lying at the foot of Pitch Hill from which the great expanse of the Sussex Weald can be viewed, has now a peal of eight bells, two trebles having been added to the former ring of six, which have been restored by the recasting of the old trebles and the provision of an entirely new frame and fittings. The scheme has been made possible by two generous gifts. The Barron Bell Trust gave a grant to meet the cost of putting the existing bells in order and providing the new frame, while the new trebles are the gift of a parishioner, Mr. A. E. Wills, in memory of his wife.

The two heaviest bells in the tower were made by William Eldridge, of Chertsey, in 1671, but from the antiquarian standpoint the two next lighter ones are most interesting. They date from the 15th century and are among the oldest bells in Surrey. They bear the inscriptions, on one 'Sacte Johannis ora pro nobis,' on the other, 'Sancte Petre Or.' They were probably the product of a Wokingham foundry, as they bear the stamps used by Roger Landen. The two former trebles were cast at Whitechapel in 1839. The present work of restoration has been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and the skilful way in which the pre-Reformation bells have been incorporated, especially bearing in mind that one of them had had the lip entirely chipped away, is not the least notable feature of the undertaking. The restored peal mingles the ancient and the modern, but the tones of old and new have been so nicely adjusted that they form a very harmonious whole.

The Bishop of Guildford performed the dedication on Sunday week and great interest was manifested in the event. The church could not accommodate all who attended and the service was relayed to a large number who were seated in the churchyard.

The special form of service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. B. Dollar), the lesson being read by the Rev. W. J. Roberts (Pastor of the Congregational Church). The formal dedication took place while the Bishop, clergy, churchwardens and choir stood beneath the central tower. The Bishop first asked a blessing upon the work which had been done, and then, having 'solemnly set apart these bells from all profane and common uses,' blessed and dedicated them to the glory of God and the service of His Holy Church.

After delivering the ropes to the Rector, with the command to receive the bells as a sacred trust committed to him as the appointed minister of Christ in that church and parish, and to 'take heed that they be ever and only used to His service and for His glory,' the Bishop gave three strokes on one of the bells to signify the completion of the ceremony. After prayers had been said, the procession returned to the chancel, while the local ringers, under their captain, Mr. W. Denyer, rang the bells in rounds.

The Bishop's address was based upon Psalm 122, 'I was glad when they said unto me we will go into the House of the Lord.' He spoke of the ministry of church bells and of the gratitude that must be felt to those by whose labour and skill and forethought the restoration of the old bells had been carried through. The bells, which linked them with the ages of long ago, had now been successfully restored, and to them had been added a gift which love and remembrance had made.

During the singing of the final hymn, 'Lifted high within the tower, all our bells are set on high,' a collection was taken for the fund to defray the cost of certain necessary work to the tower in connection with the restoration of the bells.

After the service ringers from many churches in the diocese had the opportunity of ringing and were entertained to tea by the Rector and parishioners.

Responding to a vote of thanks proposed by Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild), the Rector expressed pride in the augmented peal of bells, and, referring to the difficulties of dealing with the pre-Reformation bells, jokingly remarked that a spot of candle grease dropped on one of them about the year 1846, and the Advisory Committee would not allow them to touch it on account of its age (laughter). So they put another close to it to keep it company in case it should be lonely (laughter). However, they managed to please everybody and they got what they wanted themselves (applause).

In the evening further ringing took place, and the effect of the bells from various points in the parish proved very pleasing.

## BRISTOL TOWER CELEBRATES TENTH ANNIVERSARY.

The tenth anniversary of the installation of the peal of eight bells (by Mears and Stainbank) at St. Ambrose's, Bristol, was celebrated on July 14th.

It is very pleasing to report that these bells have been regularly rung for Sunday service both morning and evening, practically without exception, throughout this time. The Guild has lost several of its members through death and other causes, but has managed to teach sufficient new members to fill the vacancies, and to keep the band up to its usual standard, which is very gratifying in these days when one hears of so many churches with bells, but no regular ringers.

To mark the anniversary a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for evensong on July 17th by the following members: E. J. Ridler 1, A. Knight 2, Raymond Adams (first quarter-peal 'inside') 3, Mrs. F. Skidmore 4, F. Skidmore (conductor) 5, A. C. Baker 6, G. S. Wiltshire 7, A. T. Maggs 8.

## AN ANCIENT CHURCH CRAFT.

### ACTON RECTOR AND BELLRINGING.

A very pleasant meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at the Parish Church of St. Mary, Acton, on Saturday. About 40 members and friends were present from Acton, Barnes, Battersea, Chalfont St. Peter's, Chiswick, Croydon (St. Peter's), Denham, Ealing (Christ Church, St. Mary's and St. Stephen's), Hillingdon (St. Andrew's and St. John's), Kensington (St. Mary Abbot's), Kingsbury, Priddlewell, Putney, Ruiship, Twickenham, Uxbridge and Westminster (St. Margaret's).

The bells were raised soon after 3 p.m. and were kept going at intervals till about 8.30 p.m., the methods rung ranging from Grand-sire Triples to Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, some good touches being brought round under the supervision of Mr. J. Herbert, Ringing Master, and Mr. W. H. Ellingham, Deputy Ringing Master.

A short service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Percival Gough, M.A.), the lesson being read by the vice-president (Mr. J. A. Trollope). The hymn, 'Ruiship Bells,' specially composed for the association at Ruiship, was sung.

The Rector, in an eloquent address, welcomed those present, and expressed his thanks to those members of the association who made a point of ringing his bells once a month, a service which was greatly appreciated. The Rector referred to those ancient crafts of the Church, such as building and carving, when, as in the Middle Ages, each had a social meaning and a religious symbolism, when these symbols were a living language and taught the people at a time when there was little reading and writing; and made comparison with the present day with its new buildings when all is done by mechanical means and mass production, and amid the secular noises of the present, even the sound of the bells raised objections. Let them remember, said the Rector, that the ancient craft of bellringing was now about the only real craft left to the Church; it called for all the concentration and energy of those practising it, was a real witness and a gift of nature and of God.

The Rector concluded by inviting those present to take tea with him on the Rectory lawn, an invitation which was gladly accepted.

A very pleasant time followed. A beautiful afternoon, the pretty Rectory gardens hidden amidst the industrial activity of Acton, and tea, set out on small tables, were thoroughly enjoyed. The proceedings were opened at the Rector's request by a course on the handbells, and, following tea, clock golf and other games were indulged in by some till about 7 p.m. Others having proceeded to the belfry, the sound of the bells nearby added to the enjoyment of those present.

Before the close of the proceedings, the Rector and his warden (Mr. E. Collins) again gave a welcome to the gathering and invited them to further refreshments.

The vice-president, Mr. J. A. Trollope, expressed, on behalf of the association, their warm appreciation of the generous hospitality shown and their thanks to the Rector, wardens, organist and Mr. Train, vergers, for all the arrangements made.

## MEETING ON SURREY DOWNS.

### SURREY ASSOCIATION AND GUILDFORD GUILD FRATERNISE AT RANMORE.

Ideal summer weather favoured the annual joint meeting of the North-Western District of the Surrey Association with the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, held at Ranmore on Saturday, and ringers and their friends enjoyed themselves during the afternoon and evening at this delightful spot on the Surrey downs, either in ringing the bells, playing games on the green opposite the church, or rambling in the woods, according to inclination.

Forty-five ringers attended, representing Bagshot, Badsworth (Somerset), Banstead, Beddington, West Clandon, Chertsey, Cowfold (Sussex), Cranleigh, Croydon, Guildford, Haslemere, Heston, Kingston, Leatherhead, Merton, Reigate, Sunbury and West Grinstead. A service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. N. G. Davies), at which he welcomed the visitors to Ranmore. In his address he drew attention to the similarity between ringing and rowing (a recreation in which he was interested), for they both depended for their success upon 'rhythm,' which was fundamental in the English character. This characteristic, he said, was brought out in rowing, in a perfectly rung peal, and in the 'rhythm' of life. English people pull well together, and while they did not want to boast about it, they knew it existed, and that it had for a basis the 'rhythm' of well-balanced lives. Another thing people appreciated was beauty; the beauty of a peal of bells set in surroundings such as they had at Ranmore; in the architecture of their church; and in the appeal of the surrounding country. All these things spoke to them of beauty, of peace and of God.

The service was followed by tea at the Post Office Cafe. After tea a vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, for taking the service and for giving the address; and to Mr. Alfred Dobinson, the steeplekeeper, for making arrangements for the meeting. Members afterwards made for the tower, the meadows, or the woods, where they enjoyed themselves in their various ways until it was time to return home. The ringing ranged from rounds to London Surprise Major.

## OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY. NEW MASTER'S UNIQUE DISTINCTION.

The election of Mr. Roger D. St. J. Smith as Master of the Oxford University Society is an interesting one. From 1934 to 1937 Mr. Smith was a member of Selwyn College, Cambridge, and after taking the B.A. degree at Cambridge in 1937 he migrated to Oxford to read Theology as a member of Jesus College and Ripon Hall Theological College.

From 1935 to 1937 he held the office of Master of the Cambridge University Guild, and is the first man to have held the office of Master of both the University Societies.

The new Master of the O.U.S.C.R. first learnt to ring at Yardley Hastings, Northants, in 1928, and joined the Peterborough Diocesan Guild in the following year. He rang his first peal, Grandsire Doubles, at Yardley Hastings in May, 1931, and scored his first as conductor, Bob Minor, at Mears Ashby, just over a year later. As far as peal ringing is concerned, Mr. Smith had his best year in 1935, when the eight peals he rang included his first in each of the four standard Surprise Major methods, Cambridge Royal, and first peal 'in hand.' Altogether he has rung 50 peals, the 50th being the tenor to 'silent' Cambridge Major at Buckland, with members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild early this year.



MR. R. D. ST. J. SMITH.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. CANTERBURY DISTRICT AT BROADSTAIRS.

A successful and highly enjoyable meeting of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association was held at St. Peter's, Broadstairs, on Saturday, July 9th. Nearly 70 were present, the following towers in the district being represented: Ash, Birchington, Canterbury (four towers), Boughton, Dover, Sturry, Ospringe, Wickhambreaux, St. Lawrence (Thanet), Margate, Eythorne, Deal, with members of the local company and two visitors from Basingstoke.

Ringing was slightly curtailed in the afternoon, owing to a wedding, the happy couple having the pleasure of hearing the bells speed them on their way after the ceremony.

Service for the ringers was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. F. H. Hamel Smith), who also gave a very interesting and helpful address, Mr. W. E. Pitman, Mus.Bac., presiding at the organ.

Tea, to which the members were entertained by the Church authorities, was held at an adjacent hostelry, and greatly appreciated by all present. The Vicar presided, and in the company were the two churchwardens of St. Peter's, Mr. C. H. Noble and Mr. A. M. Batchen.

At the subsequent business meeting, the election of one member previous to a peal attempt was confirmed, one practising member of the local tower was elected, and the Vicar and churchwardens were elected as honorary members of the association. Their election was heartily applauded, and the Vicar, in returning thanks, remarked that he 'was glad to see that there was no hand raised in dissent.'

A proposition, put to the meeting by Mr. Trendell, that 'the officers of the district be elected by nomination and ballot,' was seconded by Mr. W. E. Pitman and carried nem con.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by the district secretary to the church authorities, the Vicar and to Mr. W. Fairbeard (local secretary) for all they had done to make the meeting the success that it was, was carried with applause.

The members then adjourned to the tower for further ringing, Grandsire, Stedman, Oxford Bob and Erin Triples, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Double Norwich being rung.

## THE MINOR RECORD.

### NEW SPLICED EXTENTS.

In the peal in 34 Minor methods that was rung at Disley on July 16th there were two new spliced extents. Fifteen methods were rung in one of these, 14 of them being Alliance methods, completed by Bastow Little Court. It was an arrangement in which Mr. C. K. Lewis introduced four fresh Alliance methods into a 720 composed by Mr. A. G. Driver. Here are the half-leads of the new methods:—

Denton and Poynton	Sutton and Chelford
123456	123456
214365	214365
241635	241635
426153	426153
421635	421635
246153	246153
426513	426513
425631	245631
246513	246513
245631	425631

Denton and Sutton have 2nd's place when the treble leads, and Poynton and Chelford have 6th's place.

The following is the composition of the extent:—

23456 Poynton	42356 Tattershall	34256 Leake
64523 Candlesby	63542 Tattershall	56423 Leake
S 35624 Bastow L.C.	S 25643 Bastow L.C.	23645 Leake
—63524 Bastow L.C.	—62543 Bastow L.C.	S 45632 Bastow L.C.
56432 Bastow L.C.	56324 Bastow L.C.	—64532 Bastow L.C.
45263 Bastow L.C.	35462 Bastow L.C.	56243 Bastow L.C.
24356 Bastow L.C.	43256 Bastow L.C.	25364 Bastow L.C.
32645 Bastow L.C.	24635 Bastow L.C.	32456 Bastow L.C.
S 63254 Freiston	S 62453 Frampton	43625 Bastow L.C.
26435 Denton	46325 Benington	S 64352 Wrangle
42563 Butterwick	34562 Sutton	23564 Wrangle
53266 Sutton	53246 Frampton	45623 Wrangle
35642 Butterwick	25634 Frampton	36245 Wrangle
S 62354 Bastow L.C.	S 64253 Bastow L.C.	52436 Wrangle
36425 Bastow L.C.	26345 Bastow L.C.	S 63452 Bastow L.C.
43562 Bastow L.C.	32564 Bastow L.C.	46235 Bastow L.C.
54236 Bastow L.C.	53426 Bastow L.C.	24563 Bastow L.C.
S 25463 Chelford	S 45362 Leake	52346 Bastow L.C.
34625 Candlesby	62534 Leake	S 35264 Langton
56234 Candlesby		42635 Alford
		56342 Poynton

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The other new extent was in 13 plain methods and was composed by Mr. C. K. Lewis, as under:—

23456 St. Clement's	42356 St. Clement's	34256 St. Clement's
42635 Lytham	34625 Lytham	23645 Lytham
56342 College	56234 College	56423 College
—23564 College	—42563 College	—34562 College
45623 Thelwall	35642 D. Oxford	25634 D. Oxford
64352 Thelwall	63254 Thelwall	62453 Thelwall
36245 St. Clement's	26435 St. Clement's	46325 St. Clement's
S 25364 Wavertree	S 45263 Wavertree	S 35462 Wavertree
43625 Reverse Bob	32645 Reverse Bob	24635 Reverse Bob
32456 Fulbeck Bob	24356 Double Bob	43256 Double Bob
56243 Plain Bob	56432 Plain Bob	56324 Plain Bob
64532 Plain Bob	63524 Plain Bob	62543 Plain Bob
—64325 Plain Bob	—63245 Plain Bob	—62435 Plain Bob
—64253 Plain Bob	—63452 Plain Bob	—62354 Plain Bob
45632 Canterbury P.	35624 Cant'y P.	25643 Cant'y P.
53426 Canterbury P.	52346 Cant'y P.	54236 Cant'y P.
32564 St. Clement's	24563 St. Clement's	43562 St. Clement's
S 54326 St. Clement's	S 53246 St. Clement's	S 52436 St. Clement's
—63542 London Bob	—62534 London Bob	—64523 London Bob
25463 Childwall	45362 Childwall	35264 Childwall

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## A JOINT MEETING.

### HERTS AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS AT NORTH MIMMS.

A joint meeting was held at St. Mary's Church in North Mimms Park on Saturday, when over 30 ringers found their way to this beautiful old church, which is rather off the beaten track.

A service was conducted by the curate, in the absence of the Vicar, and he gave an interesting address.

Tea was arranged at the Churchyard Cottage, where, owing to the large number attending, it was found necessary to divide the party and send half of the ringers back to the tower to ring while the other half had their tea.

The St. Albans secretary (Mr. H. V. Frost) welcomed the Middlesex ringers to the meeting, and Mr. G. W. Fletcher (vice-president of the Middlesex Association) suitably replied.

During the afternoon and evening touches were rung in methods from Grandsire Triples to Spliced Surprise Major, all tastes being catered for, under the direction of Mr. H. V. Frost. The meeting was most enjoyable and successful, thanks to the local ringers and many others concerned, whose co-operation was greatly appreciated.



### KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

#### OVER A HUNDRED VISITORS AT BRASTED.

The summer meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Brasted. The bells of Sundridge Church were also open. During the afternoon and evening the bells of both churches were kept going in various methods, from Doubles to London Surprise Minor. Service was held in Brasted Church, and a very interesting talk on the history of the fabric was given by the Rector (the Rev. H. H. L. Longuet-Higgins, M.C., O.B.E.).

The lower part of the tower is apparently the oldest portion, dating from c. 1225. Here is a buttress, set centrally at the west side of the tower and perforated by a groined doorway. The rest of the edifice was rebuilt in 1880, in Kentish ragstone. The church is dedicated to St. Martin. It is believed that there were bells at Brasted in the 16th century, probably four large ones. In 1730, Phelps, of Whitechapel, cast the five front bells, and in 1764 a sixth was added. The tower was restored and the bells recast and rehung, at a cost of about £1,400, in 1881. The work on the bells was carried out by Gillett and Bland. The present six, with a tenor of 12 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb., in F sharp, were retuned and rehung in ball bearings in 1932 by Mears and Stainbank.

The church at Sundridge, dedication unknown, is very interesting, being in the Early English and Perpendicular styles, the stone reredos being worthy of particular notice. The tower is built of stone and rough flints, has a shingled spire and contains six bells. The front three were cast by Hodson in 1683, 1666 and 1666, and the fourth by Bartlett, in 1619. In 1737 a fifth was added, and later a sixth.

Tea was partaken of in the Parish Room, and was kindly provided by Mr. E. H. Lewis. Ringers and friends to the number of 104 sat down to do justice to a really splendid spread. Among those present were Mrs. E. H. Lewis, Mr. F. M. Mitchell (general hon. secretary), Messrs. T. Groombridge, G. H. Spice, A. G. Hill, C. H. Kippin, A. Pink, W. Latter, T. Saunders and E. J. Ladd. At least 20 towers were represented from Kent alone, and several from outside the district.

Mr. E. H. Lewis presided at the business meeting, at which five new practising members were elected, viz., Messrs. A. Matthews, W. Draper, A. Gravett, of Westerham, Mr. P. Bond, of Brasted, and Mr. G. Jenner, of Leigh. Mr. C. Parks, of Thornton Heath, was elected a non-resident life member.

The sum of £1 11s. 4d. was collected for the Benevolent Fund.

Mr. E. H. Lewis gave some very good advice on striking, stressing one point in particular, that of a slow blow in 2nds often being made when leaving the lead, even by otherwise good strikers.

The usual votes of thanks were passed, that to Mr. Lewis being accompanied by musical honours.

Both towers were again visited after the meeting, and the gardens of Moorcocks, the residence of Mr. Lewis, were kindly opened to the visitors. Those who went to the gardens either rang handbells, played bowls (at least, they said they did), or, in the case of the many gardeners present, reeled off strings of obscure names of rock plants and the like for the edification of the uninitiated. The meeting was one of the pleasantest held by the district.

### NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

#### ANNUAL DINNER DIFFICULTIES.

A meeting of the North Staffordshire Association was held at Stone on Saturday, July 2nd, when a company of 34 attended from Burslem, Burton-on-Trent, Draycott, Derby, Hanley, Longton, Leek, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Repton, Stone, Stoke-on-Trent and Wellington, Salop.

A service was held, conducted by the curate. Tea was served in the Schoolroom, where the churchwarden (Mr. C. S. Bowers) welcomed the association on behalf of the Rector of Stone, who was away on holidays.

Mr. Bowers remarked how much they looked forward to what was called the ringers' festival, and hoped Stone would be made an annual meeting place. He went on to say how much he enjoyed the annual dinner of the association at Burslem, and hoped it would continue, although there had been one or two snags in it. He was sure if they were handled with care the difficulties would be overcome.

Mr. S. Churton proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector and ringers of Stone for the use of the bells, and Mr. E. Steele thanked the ladies, who attended to the needs of the party at the tea table.

Two new members were elected, viz.: F. Evans and T. Riley, both of Stone. Selections on handbells were given by J. Pagett and F. Ferguson, and Grandsire Triples were rung by Messrs. Ferguson, J. Pagett, J. H. Swinfield and E. Sharratt, and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles by the three first named.

No fewer than six cycled to the meeting from a distance, and Mr. A. Prichard rode about 30 miles each way from Wellington, Salop, in order to be present.

### BRISTOL RINGERS 'NIGHT OUT'.

The ringers of the Church of the Holy Nativity, Bristol, had their outing on Saturday, June 18th, when they visited Aldershot by road and witnessed the Tattoo. Tea was had at Reading, and supper (or was it breakfast?) at a roadside cafe about eight miles on the Bristol side of Reading. For the arrangements made for these two meals the members wish to thank Mr. R. T. Hibbert and his son for their great kindness at such short notice. The party arrived home at about 5.20 a.m., and all were present to ring for service at 10.30.

### RINGERS AND DIOCESAN COMMITTEES.

#### To the Editor.

Sir,—I was not surprised to read from your recent leader that there exists a large number of diocesan committees who are indifferent to accepting ringers to give advice on bell restorations. Having studied this question for many years, what I have heard and seen with my own eyes has convinced me that the trouble in many cases is due to the attitude of ringers themselves. A great many seem to think that the control of all belfries rests with the associations. They forget that the jurisdiction of every church and its furnishings is vested in the Vicar, wardens and Church Council—not the associations and other bodies outside the church. Let ringers get that high-minded idea out of their heads, and the responsible authorities might then respect them and be prepared to listen to their views.

Not long ago I heard of a Vicar who was indifferent to his own County Association holding meetings in his tower, but at the same time would always welcome ringers from other counties. One day I asked him the reason, and he replied, 'I've noticed that ringers from other counties always seem to appreciate the fact that they are here as a privilege, whereas those from our own county seem to think they have a right to be here, that the tower and bells belong to them.' And he went on further to say that once, when he did permit a meeting, his own captain complained bitterly to him of the attitude of one or two of the association officers trying to take his place in the belfry. This is something which I myself have noticed frequently occurs.

Another Vicar once commented to me: How often do we see ringers at the eastern as well as the western end of the church? Let them show us that their work is done as a bit of church work and not as a mere hobby and we might appreciate them. What would be said of the sidesman who walked into church just as it was time to take the plate round and walked out again, or the parson who only went to deliver his sermon? It is all rubbish for people to talk of these things being acts of worship in themselves, as ringers talk of their art. He said he was yet to know of any ringers who could concentrate on figures and be deeply in prayer at the same time. I must hold respect for this Vicar's views!

In your leader you mention the fact that diocesan committees often look upon a ringer as being biased. In one respect I am inclined to believe that they have every reason to think thus. No one in his senses thinks of putting a pony to do the same job as a cart horse, yet in their liking for the tonal qualities of heavy bells it is strange to notice how many ringers seem to think light bells not worth putting in any church tower. I have heard some varied remarks passed about the light rings at St. Ebbe's, Oxford; Tetworth, Bucks; Bosley, Cheshire, and so on. Yet the same ringers would soon have something to say if these churches installed 'canned' bells, or were prepared to rest contented with only one bell. Their attitude is that of 'the dog in a manger' and is not likely to win much support either from the diocesan committees or the antiquarians. It is my contention (as it is with the antiquarian people) that, as the suit has to be made to fit the man, so must the bells be made to fit the tower. The only point upon which I would differ is the number. Instead of one large bell, surely it is better for ringers and listeners alike to have five or six light bells (even if hung in two tiers) where a tower is not capable of a heavier peal. And if it is not capable of such a light five or six, I should hardly be inclined to call it a tower.

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#### RUGBY SOCIETY'S TOUR.

The annual outing of the St. Andrew's Society, Rugby, was a most enjoyable trip. The party of 18 ringers included several hon. life members, one of whom was Mr. James George, a pioneer of ringing in the new tower and now in his 85th year. The outward journey was through Warwick, Stratford-on-Avon and Alcester to Worcester, and an hour's ringing was enjoyed on the 12 bells of the Cathedral, the methods being Grandsire and Stedman. The handling of the 2½ ton tenor by Mr. George was the cause of amazement and many compliments. Lunch was taken at the Angel Hotel, and the company was pleased to entertain Mr. Johnson, the secretary of the Cathedral Society.

The journey continued in the afternoon through Evesham and Pershore to Bourton-on-the-Water, where, after being welcomed by Mr. Phillips and ringing on the peal of eight, tea was served. Calling at Southam on the way home, the bells were kept going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Major, Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol Surprise. Here the party enjoyed a fleeting visit from Mr. Walter Malins, another life member, who now lives at Wimbledon. During refreshments at a nearby hotel Mr. George reminded the party that he is the oldest practising ringer in the world, and entertained the company with reminiscences of his amazing career.

Every available opportunity was taken during the day to make use of the handbells provided, as usual, by Mr. H. Webb. The officials desire to express their gratitude to incumbents and officers at various towers for their co-operation in arranging such a successful day.



**A PEAL AT BEAUMARIS.****FIRST FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS.**

When as a child I laughed and wept, time crept.  
When as a youth I dreamed and talked, time walked.  
When I became a full-grown man, time ran.  
And later, as I older grew, time flew.

Chester Cathedral.

A Chester company of ringers recently decided to visit the romantic town of Beaumaris in North Wales, and, having been favoured by permission to attempt a peal upon the only ring of bells on the island of Anglesey, fixed their visit for Saturday, July 9th. The outing was turned into a 'family affair'; four ladies, eight ringers and three cars as transport for them. Leaving Chester at 9 a.m., the following was the route down: Hawarden, Holywell and its famous well of St. Winifred, Bodelywyddan, with its church of marble work and its unique font, Rhyl, Colwyn Bay, Llandudno, Conway Castle and Bangor. Amongst crowded traffic, in narrow roads, of charabanc and motor-car, the journey required manœuvring skill in the rough weather experienced; the raging billows on the right hand and the mighty mountains to the left, capped by Snowdon, fit emblem of a Yorkshire ringer of 50 years ago. The newspapers kindly promised a 'heat wave' for mid-July, but March came back again with wind and rain. I began to ponder how the beach at Cronulla or the Blue Mountains of New South Wales would look under these conditions. The suspension bridge across the Menai Straits, much resembling Clifton, bore the strain of load and stress of wind, and in due course, after a drive of over 70 miles, we wheeled up in front of Beaumaris Castle and near the ancient Parish Church that was formerly a chapel to the stronghold of mediæval days. At St. Mary's we were welcomed by the Vicar (the Rev. Rummage), the foreman of the tower (Mr. R. J. Jones) and Mr. A. E. Pegler, of Bangor, making an examination of points of interest to be found and its historical contents.

**THE BELLS.**

The bells were cast by Dobson, of Downham, Norfolk, and were probably brought to Beaumaris by sea, as a ring of six, tenor 12 cwt., in the year 1819, and remained unique in being the only ring of bells in the whole county for 85 years. They were the gift of Lord Viscount Bulkeley, as appears by the inscription on the tenor. In 1904 two trebles, cast by Barwell, were hung by William Greenleaf.

The tower was originally a fortified structure, very broad, with stone stairs to the ringing room; the ground floor having been used as a priests' room and having its original Tudor stone fireplace in situ.

A very handsome altar tomb with two life-size figures in alabaster is almost perfect. The old font from Italy, carved from a solid piece of rare marble, has a circular bowl and octagonal sides, each with different geometrical designs, minutely carved and very deep, yet preserved without a flaw.

There are 20 stalls worthy of a Cathedral, with carved arm-rests and tip-up seats of solid oak, all grotesquely carved. In the porch is preserved a stone sarcophagus, its carved cover sadly broken, the former coffin of Joan, the last Princess of North Wales, A.D. 1237. The 'water trough' was used by cattle at a neighbouring farm for many years until the broken cover preserved in the church was found to fit it, and so revealed another bit of early British history.

Lunch was enjoyed at the White Lion, and after sightseeing, rope adjustment and the election of Mr. Richards, provisionally, as a member of the North Wales Association, the peal of Grandsire Triples was begun about 4 o'clock and well brought home, thus breaking a gap of 25 pealless years in this tower. Naturally we conveyed our hearty thanks to those fellow-churchmen who had made us welcome, and a hope expressed that Beaumaris and the North Wales Association would resume their old brotherly love. At 7.30 the return 'voyage' was begun, this time taking the road through Bethesda, Conway River Valley, Corwen, Llangollen and the River Dee, to Wrexham and Gresford, a quieter road noted for its wild scenery and mountain torrents.

The writer will ever remember with gratitude the kind invitation to the party and the surrender of a rope, as the opportunity to visit this town was quite unexpected after waiting nine years. It enabled him to complete a peal in every county in England and Wales. As to the party they may be called 'stalwarts.' I found their age averaged well over 50 years; the young tower grabbers and peal snatchers of England are not in the running with them, and I may add one is never too old to feel young—at times? Small handbills shown in Beaumaris shop windows announced July 9th as 'Rent Day,' which would be paid to the agent of the lord of the manor—at the Bulkeley Arms—a descendant of the donor of the bells. We hoped that our ringing cheered the tenants and there were no arrears. Perhaps Rent Day favoured our Peal Day and made the visit more appropriate.

Last year I gave 'The Ringing World' a few lines about 'Time' collected at East Tytherley; the lines that head this contribution are from the Chapter Clock under the organ loft of Chester Cathedral.

W. H. F.

**'FIRST' IN SHROPSHIRE.**

First quarter-peal of London Surprise Major in Shropshire and by all the hand except the conductor was rung at Market Drayton on Wednesday, July 13th. It comprised 1,344 changes and was rung by A. M. Hickman 1, T. Price 2, F. Price 3, T. Hurd 4, W. J. Chester 5, A. Pritchard 6, W. P. Deane (conductor) 7, W. Weatherby 8.

**NOTICES.**

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Kimpton on July 30th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea at the Cafe, 5 p.m. Wheathampstead bells (6) also available for the evening. Special method for practice, Cambridge Minor.—Harold V. Frost, Dis. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Rochdale (3 p.m. to 9 p.m.), on Saturday, July 30th. Business meeting (election of a committee man) at 6.30 p.m. in the tower. A hearty invitation to all ringers and friends.—Stephen Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James' Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Hatfield Broad Oak, on Saturday, July 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly advise me?—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 69, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—The next meeting is at Farnborough (not Hawley), on Saturday, July 30th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, tea and business following. Everyone welcome.—C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Wedmore on July 30th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting.—H. Minifie, Hon. Sec., Royston, Uphill, Weston-super-Mare.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leigh, not Adlington, on Saturday, July 30th. Bells available 3. Business meeting 7. Nominations for president, general secretary, and four C.C. representatives.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Cliffe (near Rochester) on Saturday, July 30th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting. Half-fares (maximum 2s.) paid to members attending. — G. H. Spice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—Start your holiday by coming to Roxton on Saturday, July 30th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All will be welcome. Please come and join us.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held to-morrow (July 30th), at St. Mary's, Leyton, E.10. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea nearby.—James G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 81, Denbigh Street, Westminster, S.W.1.

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**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Ashover Church, near Chesterfield (8 bells), on Bank Holiday (Monday, August 1st). Tower open 2.30 p.m. Tea can be had close by church. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield, 7.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting will take place at Macclesfield on August 1st (Bank Holiday). Service in St. Michael's Church, 11 a.m. Business meeting 12 noon, and luncheon 1 p.m. Bells available: St. Michael's (12), Christ Church (8), and St. James', Higher Sutton (6).

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for August, at 7.30 p.m.: St. Magnus, 4th and 18th; St. Lawrence Jewry, 9th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 11th; \*St. Paul's Cathedral, 16th; Southwark Cathedral, 23rd; \*St. Mary-le-Bow, 30th.—\*Business meeting afterwards.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hereford District.—The next quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Holme Lacy, on Saturday, August 6th. Bells (8) available from 3 to 8.30. Service 5.15 p.m. Tea 6 p.m.—R. H. Stickley, Dis. Sec., The Green, Fownhope, Hereford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, August 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting in tower 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Secretary, 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A meeting of the Lincoln District will be held at Wragby on August 6th. Bells (6) available from 2 to 9 p.m. Tea at moderate charge to those who inform me by Wednesday, Aug. 3rd.—K. W. Mayer, Dis. Sec.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Billingshurst on Saturday, Aug. 6th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at the King's Head Hotel, 1s. Half rail fares, maximum 1s. 6d., to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Seend on Saturday, Aug. 6th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. A card for tea would oblige.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., 584, Semington Road, Melksham.

**DARTMOUTH, ST. SAVIOUR'S CHURCH, DEVON.**—The ring of eight bells recast and rehung by John Taylor and Co. will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Crediton at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 6th.

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A joint meeting of the Surrey Association and the Guildford Diocesan Guild had been announced to be held at that delightful spot, Ranmore Common, on the hills above Dorking, and on Saturday week a Croydon ringer wended his way thither.

He was the only one who turned up, but he met the Vicar, who said he was going to conduct a service for bellringers. Later the ringer adjourned to the only cafe in the neighbourhood, where he learned that tea had been prepared for a party of 25 to 30 bellringers. But after a further wait and finding that no ringers appeared, the gentleman from Croydon went home puzzled.

Afterwards telephones buzzed. Secretaries nearly had heart attacks and got really desperate. They were only able to sleep at night, when they discovered that the Croydon ringer had gone to Ranmore a week too soon; that the Vicar had been uncertain about the date, and that the caterers had provided for a party 'who might be bellringers.'

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