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OLD MEMBERS OF ASSOCIATIONS.

The gesture made by the Oxford Diocesan Guild, at their annual meeting, to old and infirm members, by resolving to retain them without subscriptions, is one which naturally met with sympathetic and very general approval, the principal division of opinion being on the point that the proposal did not go far enough. Men who have long served their association deserve well at the hands of the members, and when old age and disability overtakes them it should be deemed a privilege, if they are in straitened circumstances, to retain them on the roll without calling upon them for further contributions. These men cherish their attachment to the association which perhaps they have supported throughout a long ringing career, and it would be something of a slur on the association if they were lost because they were unable to meet their annual subscription—and, unfortunately, there are cases where even pence count. The concern of many of the members of the Oxford Guild was whether the proposal should not extend to old but necessitous members who are still able to ring, as well as to those who are debarred by infirmity. Someday, perhaps, these may be included.

Some associations extend free membership to all the ringers who have been subscribers for a certain number of years. This 'freedom' of an association after long years of loyal support is a thing which is valued by the recipients, not because they are relieved of the small annual subscription, but because of the recognition of their services which is implied. Some societies, of course, cannot afford, owing to their restricted financial position, to offer this honour of free life membership, but there are few who would not readily do it if they could.

There is an argument which we have heard put forward that it should be the duty of the church to which the old ringer has been attached, to continue to pay his contributions after infirmity has laid him aside, but that, we think, is rather an impracticable and uncertain kind of scheme. True, it would be a recognition of long service, ended by disability, but church authorities, often unable to make ends meet, are seldom ready to pay their ringers' affiliation fees, and are not more likely to find the subscriptions of those who have ceased, even through no fault of their own, to render service to the church. The happiest solution is for the associations to honour their old members, and, after all, financially, they will be no worse off than if they lose the subscriptions because the members are unable to pay. On the other hand, by making them 'freemen,' the associations can demonstrate that the 'brotherhood' of the Exercise, so often talked about, is no empty phrase.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 30, 1939, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ALFRED H. PULLING... ..Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH 6
ERNEST J. DOBBIE 2	ARTHUR S. BOAR 7
DORIS G. DOBBIE 3	WALTER H. DOBBIE 8
JOHN E. SPICE 4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 9
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 5	STANLEY B. DOBBIETenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Treble Bob Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 18, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ALEC CARTERTreble	FRANK B. LUFKIN 5
JOHN H. BOTHAM... .. 2	HARRY KILBY 6
ERIC B. HARTLEY 3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER 7
MRS. J. H. BOTHAM 4	Cecil C. MAYNETenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER

* First peal in the method.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 20, 1939, in Three Hours,

At the CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

*ERNEST W. TIPLERTreble	WILLIAM A. WOOD 5
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON 2	ALFRED BALLARD... .. 6
WALTER F. WHITEHEAD 3	WILLIAM BOTTRILL 7
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD 4	FRANK K. MEASURESTenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

* First peal in the method. Specially arranged as a 'farewell peal' to Mr. Bottrill, who is leaving Leicester to reside at Luton.

MITCHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 22, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM S. SMITHTreble	GEORGE A. WEST 5
*JOHN R. DAVISON 2	EDWIN L. MILES 6
DAVID WRIGHT 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS 7
ALBERT J. ADAMS 4	CHARLES POTHECARY... ..Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

* First peal. † First peal in the method with a bob bell. A birthday compliment to Messrs. D. Wright and J. S. Hawkins.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Monday, July 24, 1939, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the R.C. CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

THOMAS BARKERTreble	FRANCIS MCCARTHY 5
JOHN JACKSON 2	FREDERICK G. BRADLEY 6
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 3	WILLIAM SHARPLES 7
ADAM BLOGG... .. 4	ALFRED BLOGGTenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No 4) Conducted by W. SHARPLES.

Rung as a compliment to the Right Rev. Thomas Edward Flynn, P.L.D., M.A., on the occasion of his consecration as Bishop of Lancaster.

EGHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 24, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

*EDWARD ARMSTRONG... ..Treble	†ERNEST W. MOREY 5
LEONARD SCAMMELL 2	WALTER PECK 6
WILKINS MASSEY 3	WILLIAM WELLING 7
JOHN B. HESSEY 4	JOHN GREENOUGHTenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. Arranged as a birthday compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. A. C. Tranter.

SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 25, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...Treble	ERNEST J. MUNDAY 5
MRS. C. L. GUY 2	CECIL L. GUY 6
ERNEST BRETT 3	WILLIAM LINTER, JUN. ... 7
CORNELIUS CHARGE 4	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY... ..Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE.

Conducted by WM. LINTER, JUN.

First peal as conductor.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 29, 1939, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

HARRY G. RIDGWAY ...Treble	HERBERT C. EDWARDS ... 5
HARRY SEAR 2	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... 6
A. NUNNELEY WOOD 3	THOMAS E. ROBERTS ... 7
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 4	ALBERT J. GREEN... ..Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by A. J. GREEN.

HUGHENDON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BEDS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 29, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*HARRY C. JONES ...Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
ROLAND BIGGS 2	*WALTER LEE 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	PERCY NEWTON 7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS 4	HARRY WINGROVETenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

RINGMER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 29, 1939, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS'.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE WIGGINS ...Treble	CHARLES PAINTER 5
LESLIE W. JARVIS 2	ALBERT RELFE 6
ARTHUR F. LEWRY 3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... 7
FRED MILES 4	FRANK H. HICKSTenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

A birthday peal for Mrs. and Miss Kitchenside.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 29, 1939, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

*GERALD FROST ...Treble	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5
FRANK CLAYDON... .. 2	GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... 6
CLAUDE SNOWDEN 3	FRANK B. LUFKIN 7
*FRANK C. MAY 4	ALBERT WIFFENTenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

WEST MEON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, July 29, 1939, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...Treble	*HAROLD P. REED 5
CHARLES E. BASSETT 2	GEORGE WILLIAMS 6
TOWER R. TAYLOR 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON 7
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 4	C. ERNEST SMITHTenor

Composed by F. DANCH.

Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

* First peal of London. First peal of London on the bells.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 29, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Rung on the light eight.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

ERNEST MORRIS ...Treble	FRANK K. MEASURES... .. 5
*GEORGE HUMPHREYS 2	WILLIAM ROOT 6
ALFRED BALLARD 3	ARTHUR CATTELL 7
*EDWIN CATTELL 4	†GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ...Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a 50th birthday compliment to the treble ringer, verger and clerk of this church.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 29, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael,

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in G.

*ALBERT HALKS ...Treble	EDWARD B. SMITH 5
URBAN W. WILDNEY... .. 2	†MISS VIOLET FROST 6
GEORGE E. JENNINGS 3	GEORGE WATERMAN 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4	EDWARD E. DAVEYTenor

Composed by H. W. WILDS.

Conducted by EDWARD E. DAVEY.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 29, 1939, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*PETER ROWE ...Treble	GEORGE M. KILEY 5
J. EDWARD CHURCHILL 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 6
HERBERT G. ANDREWS 3	ARTHUR HARDING 7
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY 4	FRANK MILLERTenor

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

* First peal. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller.

GREAT WALTHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 29, 1939, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

*OWEN J. J. ROGERS ...Treble	HARRY BRADLEY 5
GEORGE GREEN 2	LEONARD G. DAY... .. 6
†MISS ANNIE WHITE 3	ARTHUR H. EVERETT 7
CHRISTOPHER F. JAGGARD ... 4	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ...Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HERWOOD.

Conducted by A. H. EVERETT.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

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FARNDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, July 29, 1939, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Chad,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb.

WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY ... 5
FRED HARTMAN ... 2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 6
JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 3	HARRY PYE ... 7
FRANK VARTY ... 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 30, 1939, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

GEORGE BEENEY ... Treble	LESLIE W. JARVIS ... 5
HAROLD S. HORDEN ... 2	RONALD W. PANKHURST ... 6
*MISS BETTY RAYFIELD ... 3	FRANK H. HICKS ... 7
*HAROLD G. F. REYNOLDS ... 4	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by H. S. HOBDEN.

* First peal of Major and first attempt. First peal of Major as conductor. Rung prior to evensong on the 80th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

RANWORTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 22, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

*TIMOTHY G. BUDGEN ... Treble	†BERTIE C. GRAPES ... 4
*MISS PEARL GRAPES ... 2	R. WILLIAM BARBER ... 5
†MRS. R. W. BARBER ... 3	DENIS A. BAYLES ... Tenor

Conducted by D. A. BAYLES.

* First peal. † First peal in two Minor Methods. ‡ First peal of Minor, also first 'inside'.

ARELEY KINGS, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 22, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven differently called extents.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*EGBERT J. COLEY ... Treble	FREDERICK FLOCK ... 4
†HORACE HOUGH ... 2	ALLEN MORGAN ... 5
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 3	ALFRED W. GLAZZARD ... Tenor

Conducted by A. W. GLAZZARD.

* First attempt for a peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor.

STAGSDEN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 22, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent.

JOHN CHURCH ... Treble	PEARL INSKIP ... 4
HERBERT L. HARLOW ... 2	REGINALD WEST ... 5
HENRY W. GAYTON ... 3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... Tenor

Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.

TARVIN, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 22, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... Treble	PERCY SWINDLEY ... 4
FRED HARTMAN ... 2	HARRY PYE ... 5
RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 3	FRANK VARTY ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK VARTY.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

CADBURY, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Sunday, July 23, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with 12 different callings. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

CHARLES R. LILLEY ... Treble	*JOSEPH BREALEY ... 4
*JOHN SALWAY ... 2	*BRIAN PIDGEON ... 5
*ERNEST REITER ... 3	*CHARLES SANDFORD ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal on the bells.

ASTON CLINTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 24, 1939, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of St. Clement's Bob and Double Court, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*LESLIE J. GREGORY ... Treble	†HARRY C. JONES ... 4
†MRS. E. S. POWELL ... 2	WALTER LEE ... 5
REV. E. S. POWELL ... 3	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... Tenor

Conducted by REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG.

* First peal. † First peal in four methods.

CWMCARVAN, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 29, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores of Stedman and 32 of Grandsire (10 callings).

Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN W. JONES ... Treble	REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS ... 4
WILLIAM POWELL ... 2	ROBERT SMITH ... 5
ARTHUR HAWKINS ... 3	*IVOR WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SMITH.

* First peal. First peal of Doubles on the bells.

OAKLEY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 29, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 12 extents of St. Simon's and 15 each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

JOHN E. HILSON ... Treble	HERBERT L. HARLOW ... 3
MISS EVELYN SIBEL ... 2	DONALD L. COCKINGS ... 4
REGINALD WEST ... 3	... Tenor

Conducted by D. L. COCKINGS.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 29, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob.

SYDNEY FLINT ... Treble	THOS. S. HORRIDGE ... 4
*SELWYN H. DEARDEN ... 2	JAMES W. MELDRUM ... 5
WILLIAM H. DEACON ... 3	JOHN BROWN ... Tenor

Conducted by J. BROWN.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.' Rung as a compliment to the daughter of Mr. F. Woodward upon her marriage.

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BIGBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, July 26, 1939, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6480 CHANGES;

Nine extents in 125 methods:—

1. Beeston, Melandra, Leasow, Peveril, Chelsea, Kentish, Berkeley, Edinburgh, Pembroke, Oswald, Barham Delight, Waterford and Berwyn Treble Bob.
2. Skipton, Chepstow, Fotheringay, Balmoral, Knutsford, Rostherne, Bogedone, Wilmslow, Ely Delight, Nelson Treble Bob, Hull and Bourne Surprise.
3. Blaxhall, Mitcham, Stanhoe, Stratton, Stonehouse, Ringstead, Hayes Sharnbrook, Finchley, Ellacombe, Buxton, Wordsley, Lambrhurst, Harmondsworth, Bramfield Alliance, Crayford Little Court and Little Bob.
4. Chalfont, Cromer, Stevenston, Tibenham, Fulmer, Walsingham, Lammias, Olney, Northaw, Penshurst Alliance, Crayford Little Court and Little Bob.
5. Bicker, Gedney, Gunby, Spilsby, Wainfleet, Surfleet, Spalding, Pirebeck, Sibsey, Gosberton Alliance and Kent Little Court.
6. Langton, Candlesby, Alford, Tattershall, Benington, Freiston, Frampton, Butterwick, Poynton, Chelford, Denton, Sutton, Leake, Wrangle Alliance and Bastow Little Court.
7. Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Willesden, Humber, Braintree, Taxal, Marple, Clarence, Elston Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob.
8. Capel, Sausal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Oxford Treble Bob, Carisbrooke, Wath, Donotter and Pontefract Delight.
9. Windermere, Frodsham, Killarney, Horsmonden, Ennerdale, Cumberland, Lytham, Thelwall, London Bob, Double Oxford, Wavertree, Childwall, College, St. Clement's, Canterbury Pleasure, Fulbeck, Reverse Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

FRANK LORD Treble	JACK BRAY	4
MRS. J. BRAY	2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS	3	GEORGE E. FEIRN	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

There were 243 changes of method. The greatest number of methods yet rung in a peal. The longest length by all the band.

TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 29, 1939, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, College Single and Double Court, and two each of St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 5½ cwt.

DOUGLAS BARKAWAY Treble	*JOHN M. GAYFORD	4
RONALD SECKLING	2	*NORMAN F. GRINHAM	5
HERBERT DEVENISH	3	RALPH BIRD	Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* First peal of Minor.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 29, 1939, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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GEORGE W. ABLITT	2	HORACE W. FOULGER	5
LESLIE WRIGHT	3	ALAN R. ANDREWS	Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

WEDDING BELLS AT PUTNEY.

On Saturday, July 29th, a marriage was solemnised at St. Mary's, Putney, between Mr. A. C. Williams and Miss L. Machin. Mr. 'Alf' Williams has been a member of the Putney local band for some 15 years and also of the London County Association. The wedding was a simple but pretty ceremony. The best man was a business colleague, whilst the bride, attired in white with a sheaf of red roses, was attended by two bridesmaids in smoke blue. A reception was held at the home of the bride (who is a member of St. Mary's Fellowship Guild), where the ringers 'toasted' the happy couple, after ringing 'Merrie Peales' at the Parish Church. The 'newlyweds' left for Southsea for the honeymoon, and will reside at Southfields, Wandsworth.

THE PEAL AT INVERARAY.**A HAPPY ADVENTURE.****College Youths' Visit to Scotland.**

It very rarely happens that a peal is rung under such happy conditions as that at Inveraray, Argyllshire, on July 22nd, by ten members of the Ancient Society of College Youths—excitement and anticipation in the various departures from home, followed by realisation wonderful in more ways than one.

The members were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Lewis at their Scottish home—'Dun o'Bhuilg' (pronounced 'Voelig'), Kilmory Knap, Argyllshire. It is situated at the end of Loch Sween, opposite the Isle of Jura. E. P. D. and wife (on holiday tour in Scotland) were the first arrivals, followed on Friday by J. H. B. H. and the hon. treasurer's party, which included Mrs. H. (pilot), the Master and the conductor. Their route was via Great North Road to Scotch Corner, Carlisle, crossing the border at Gretna Green, Erskine Ferry, Loch Lomond, the head of Loch Long and up Rest and be Thankful to Loch Fyne, over the Crinnan Canal and thence down Loch Sween. The train party (made up of the hon. secretary, W. H. P., G. E. D. and Mr. H.) left Euston at 9.15 p.m. on Friday, one member being literally chucked in just as the guard's whistle was blowing, to the great relief of the other three. Following arrival at Glasgow they travelled by steamer via Mirth of Clyde and the Kyles of Bute to Ardisaig. Here they were met by their host, and a run of 27 miles along the shore of Loch Fyne brought them to Inveraray. The following is a brief itinerary of the activities:—

Friday evening: Check up on the lobster pots, and much strenuous rowing by one of the crew, unaided by the bow oar.

Saturday: Departure for Inveraray (45 miles). Welcome by Mr. Anderson Campbell. Adjustment of ropes, raising bells and sound-deadening the traps and doors by means of sails and sacks lent by the host. Picnic lunch at foot of tower and arrival of train party. The peal, followed by restoratives and the journey back to Knap for supper. Great satisfaction all round. Good bells, good 'go,' good ringing. And so to bed.

Sunday morning: Cheery breakfast party. Many happy returns to Mrs. Lewis. At midday, sailing in the Sound of Jura. Good breeze and choppy sea. Nobody actually sea-sick. At 3.30 p.m. sad departure of train party to Lochgilphead and thence by bus to Glasgow. Others walk to Loch Caolisport (Killesport), and, after supper, a visit to Castle Sween. Ruins of an ancient fortress on the banks of the Loch. Many disagreements happened here centuries ago.

Monday morning: Formed labour corps for jobs of work in garden. Sailing. Lunch. Sail to Eilean Mhor, an uninhabited island, containing the ruins of a twelfth century chapel and St. Cormac's cell (eighth century). A very impressive spot. After supper, fishing until 11.30. Glorious moonlight night, but not dark, and a wonderful scene. Great fishermen all, and a fair catch. Hosts' daughters a great crew and fine sailors. Anti-exposure treatment, followed by bed.

Tuesday morning: Sad departures.

It must be remembered that Kilmory is ten miles from the nearest Post Office and Kirk, 15½ miles from the nearest inn, and about 65 from the nearest rail station, so the expedition was really quite an adventure, with unforgettable memories for all, not least among them the wonderful hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis and the help of their daughters, and the awe-inspiring scenery—the great peaks (the Paps of Jura) straight across the sound from Dun o'Bhuilg, the mists, the wonderful view of the mountains looking up Loch Sween and the Sound, and the gorgeous colouring, make an everlasting impression on one's mind. It is a mystic country and one unconsciously becomes lost in the past.

The peal attempt was the outcome of an invitation made by the Duke of Argyll to Mr. Lewis on the occasion of the society's tercentenary dinner, and all are most grateful to His Grace and those concerned in the welcome extended to the visitors.

DEATH OF MR. W. F. ELLINGHAM.**ACTIVE MIDDLESEX RINGER.**

We regret to have to record the death of Mr. W. F. Ellingham, of Heston, Middlesex, one of the ringers at St. Leonard's Church.

The funeral took place on Thursday, July 27th, the service being conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Craggs). The bells were rung muffled with tenor open one stroke before the service. The deceased was buried at Isleworth Cemetery, close by some other noted West Middlesex ringers, and in sight of Isleworth Church, where they did most of their ringing. In the evening a fully muffled quarter-peal of Bob Major was rung to his memory by C. J. Tricker, G. W. Morris, M. W. Norman, A. C. Langford, H. H. Chandler, F. J. Cattermoul, C. S. Bird (conductor) and J. Herbert.

Mr. William Francis Ellingham was born 51 years ago and had lived all his life in Heston and the surrounding neighbourhood. He had been a most regular member of the local band for a number of years. Not a prolific peal ringer, he had, nevertheless, rung a number of peals in plain methods, and was able to conduct. Always most willing to participate in any ringing when called upon, he will be sadly missed in his local tower and the district. He was a member of the College Youths, the London County Association and the Middlesex Association amongst others. He leaves a widow and son to mourn their loss.

PEAL NOTES.

AN EXHIBITION RING.

It is interesting to notice the name of Mr. Charles Painter appearing in a peal of Grandsire Triples, rung last Saturday at Ringmer, Sussex. Mr. Painter has been a ringer at this church for something like 50 years, having learnt there at the time the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies was curate.

Mr. Painter did no peal ringing for many years, but he was in the first peal of Stedman Triples on the bells in 1894 and also rang the 7th in the same year to the quickest peal on the bells—2 hours 32 minutes, tenor 14½ cwt.—which everyone thought was pretty good going. Last Saturday's peal took 3 hours 14 minutes.

The bells at Ringmer are an 'exhibition' peal. They were cast by Mears and Stainbank and were exhibited at the Great Exhibition in Hyde Park in, we believe, 1883. In those days they were reputed to be one of the finest rings at their weight in the kingdom.

Mr. W. H. Fussell, of Slough, has returned to peal ringing, after an absence of seven months, enforced by his serious operation last January. He took part in a peal of Superlative Surprise at Hughenden, Bucks, on Saturday, and, not only was he no worse for the experience, but declared next day that he felt better and 'as light as a fairy.' He was given a cordial welcome by his team mates.

Five Buckinghamshire towers were represented in the peal, and two of the band, Harry Jones, of Ellesborough, and Walter Lee, of Wendover, rang their first peal of Surprise Major.

Verger and clerk of St. Margaret's, Leicester, Mr. Ernest Morris, hon. secretary of the Midland Counties Association, celebrated his 50th birthday by a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on Saturday on the light eight at his parish church. It was called by his brother.

Meeting one short at Cwmcarvan, Mon., a local ringer (Mr. Ivor Williams) readily agreed to ring the tenor for a peal of Doubles and was made a member of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association before starting. Cwmcarvan has always been noted for the hospitality of its churchwardens, Mr. Ballinger, of the Bourne Farm, from the time of the late Mr. Edwin Barnett's residence at Monmouth. He entertained everyone to tea at the Bourne after the peal on Saturday. Mr. Ballinger is a ringer, and, although nearing four score years, can still ring a six-score of Doubles.

Mr. W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley, Essex, now well on in the eighties, has just 'completed the circle' at Kirby-le-Soken. Last Saturday he rang the fourth there to a peal of Double Norwich Major.

FIRST FOR 20 YEARS.

Mr. Cornelius Charge has scored his first peal since his return from New Zealand. He rang it at Soberton, Hants, on July 25th, with another ex-member of the Metropolitan Police Force, Mr. Ernest Brett. After 20 years absence it must have been a happy experience for Mr. Charge.

The consecration of the new Roman Catholic Bishop of Lancaster (the Rt. Rev. Thomas Edward Flynn, P.L.D., M.A.) on July 24th was celebrated at Chorley, Lancs, by a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at the R.C. Church of St. Mary. Before going to Lancaster the Bishop was Rector of St. Mary's.

After the peal the ringers were kindly entertained to refreshments by the clergy of St. Mary's.

The composition was the late Mr. Arthur Knights' No. 4, which was rung for the first time.

A peal in four Minor methods was rung at Aston Clinton, Bucks, on July 24th, the first time that a peal in more than one method had been rung on the bells.

Mr. William Bottrill left Leicester on July 27th to reside at Luton, Beds. He is one of the vice-presidents of the National Police Guild and has been a regular member of the Leicester Thursday band of P.G.'s (these initials do not stand for 'Police Guild,' the members of which grab only wrong-doers).

As an official 'farewell,' the Thursdayites arranged a peal attempt at Claybrook and a really fine peal of Cambridge resulted.

The Thursdayites are, indeed, sorry to lose 'Bill,' as he is familiarly known to his friends, and although this was a farewell peal, they sincerely hope he will often drop over to Leicester and, of course, that it will be on a Thursday.

FATHER AND SON'S 100th PEAL TOGETHER.

Mr. James Swindley and his son, Mr. Percy Swindley, of Chester, rang their one hundredth peal together when the latter called a peal of Cambridge Surprise at Farndon on Saturday. They are, it is believed, the first father and son in the Chester Guild to have rung this number together.

A band of bachelors on Saturday rang a peal of Minor at Tolleshunt D'Arcy, Essex—the first peal on the bells since 1913.

There are not many peals rung nowadays at the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, but on Sunday a band of Kent and Surrey ringers rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal there to enable Mr. A. S. Boar to complete the sequence of peals of Kent Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus.

Five members of the Dobbie family took part, and it was Ernest J.'s 175th peal.

Mr. E. Stith 'completed the circle' of Bridgend tower, not for the first, but for the sixth time, when he took part in the peal there on July 19th

(Continued in next column.)

ANOTHER LINCOLNSHIRE RECORD. ONE HUNDRED & TWENTY-FIVE METHODS.

Nine Spliced 720's in One Peal.

Before the report of their remarkable peal in 104 methods appeared in print last week, the North Lincolnshire band had made yet another record. Having in their previous success spliced as many methods as it is at present possible to include in seven true extents, they went on, on Wednesday week, to ring nine extents (6,480 changes), which included 125 methods. The two additional extents were those dropped from the 102 and 104 method peals in order to extend the number.

Have they any more worlds left to conquer in this particular phase of ringing? This peal is a great and culminating triumph, and once again Mrs. Jack Bray, Frank Lord, Charles McGuinness, Jack Bray, Jack Millhouse and George Feirn will earn the whole-hearted congratulations of the Exercise. There is nothing we can say to add to the admiration which will be felt for the ringers upon this performance, but the band's own appreciation of their conductor is well but simply expressed in the words of one of them, 'George is truly great.'

In the peal they rang last week there were 243 changes of method, and of the nine extents, six were composed by Mr. A. G. Driver and three arranged by Mr. C. K. Lewis.

THE FIRST PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I feel that I should like a word or two in which to congratulate the Lincolnshire band, and not forgetting the Cheshire band, on their fine performances. We say 'Well done.' But I wonder if ringers to-day ever realise or give one thought to that band, among the pioneers of spliced Minor ringing, who in the village of Tibenham for the Norwich Diocesan Association rang the first peal of spliced Surprise Minor. Sad to say there are only two of that company living to-day—Mr. John Snelling, still of Tibenham, and the writer. The peal comprised 14 Surprise methods in seven extents and was rung on Thursday, January 23rd, 1913.

F. SEAGER.

Beechcliffe, Keighley, Yorks.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The Derby District of the Midland Counties Association held a very successful meeting at Duffield on Saturday week. Despite very inclement weather, 30 ringers attended from Beeston, Stapleford, Repton, Burton, Ripley, Bolsover, Heanor, Sandiacre, Nottingham, Draycott and Derby, with members of the local company. The methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Kent Treble Bob Royal, Duffield, Forward and Little Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Bristol and Superlative, while a course of London was unfortunately lost in the last two leads.

At the business meeting held in the belfry it was decided to hold the next monthly meeting at Belper on Saturday, September 2nd.

The ringers very much appreciated the welcome extended to them by the Rev. Dr. W. M. Irwin. A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to the local ringers for having all in readiness was proposed by Mr. James Pagett, of Derby Cathedral company, and carried unanimously, after which ringing was continued until 8.30 p.m.

PEAL NOTES.

(Continued from previous column.)

By an error, in our issue of July 21st, a 'star' became attached to the name of Mr. W. Henry Young, in the Ewyas Harold peal of Doubles, indicating that it was his first peal. Actually Mr. Young has been ringing peals for many years. He used to be an instructor in the Hereford District.

Youth and age were associated in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Mitcham, Surrey, on Saturday week, when John Davison, aged 13, rang his first peal, and Mr. David Wright celebrated his 79th birthday. It was also a birthday compliment to Mr. J. S. Hawkins, hon. secretary of St. Andrew's, Holborn, Society.

The first peal on the six bells at Cadbury, Devon, was rung on Sunday week. All the band except Mr. C. R. Lilley, the conductor, rang their first peal of Stedman. The ringers wish to thank Mr. Churchwarden Langworthy for kindly providing refreshments after the peal, and Mr. M. L. Coles, the local captain, for making arrangements and getting the bells ready.

Three of the Sunday service ringers at Ranworth, Norfolk, took part in a peal of Minor on July 22nd, Timothy Budgen and Miss Pearl Grapes ringing their first peal at the first attempt and Bertie Grapes his first peal 'inside.'

Plain and simple Bob Minor, but some useful work was accomplished by ringing a peal in this method at Arelay Kings, Worcestershire, on July 22nd. The treble man, who is a member of the local band, scored his first peal at first attempt; while H. Hough, of the Claines band, rang his first peal of Minor. The leader of the Hartlebury ringers (A. W. Glazard), the conductor, has now called his first peal other than Doubles, and revealed his capacity by utilising seven different callings. Incidentally this was the first peal on the bells since their tuning and rehanging by Taylors over a year ago.

RINGERS' WEDDINGS.**SUFFOLK LADY MARRIED.**

On Saturday, July 15th, the bells of St. Mary's Church, Bungay, Suffolk, rang out merrily in touches of Bob Major, firing, etc., to celebrate the wedding of Mr. W. E. Chase, eldest son of Mrs. and the late Mr. W. Chase, of Bungay, and Miss Ivy M. Barrell, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Barrell, of Bungay.

The bride is a member of the local company of ringers, and her father is clerk and vergers and captain of the local band at St. Mary's Church. Those taking part in the ringing were Messrs. A. H. Took, F. C. Lambert (conductor), G. Howlett, C. Loomes, A. Baldry, H. Fairhead, A. Williams, S. Hood and K. Garrod. The following towers were represented: Bungay, Redenhall, Halesworth, Alburgh, Ditchingham and Ellingham.

Afterwards the ringers joined the wedding party and a very pleasant hour was spent, the happy pair taking their departure on their honeymoon, with the very best wishes of all present, for their future happiness.

HANDBELLS AT WEDDING.

The marriage of Miss Phyllis Day and Mr. Edward Dalingwater took place at Doncaster Parish Church. Mr. Dalingwater is a member of St. George's, Doncaster, tower, and as the happy couple left the church handbells were rung by fellow-ringers as a fitting greeting, the tower bells being unringable. The presents included a set of carvers and a coffee pot from Doncaster ringers, and a tea service from Gainsborough ringers, with whom Mr. Dalingwater was formerly associated.

DISTRICT SECRETARY MARRIED.

The bells of St. Mary's rang out truly for the wedding of Mr. W. B. Kynaston and Miss Marion Bratt at Rodbourne Cheney Church, Swindon, on Saturday, June 24th. Mr. W. B. Kynaston is the popular hon. secretary of the Swindon Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association and is well known in Swindon and district.

The Rev. S. F. Allison officiated at the ceremony and the bride was attended by the Misses B. Bratt (sister), R. Wise, S. Manning and D. Williams. She was given in marriage by her uncle, Mr. A. Haytor. The best man was Mr. Reg. Kynaston, brother of the bridegroom.

Rodbourn Cheney Girl Guides formed a guard of honour, and the ringers formed an archway of handbells, under which the happy couple passed as they left the church.

QUARTER-PEALS.

FABINGDON, BERKS.—For evensong on Sunday, July 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): L. Mace 1, W. O. Cuss 2, L. W. Cuss (Down Ampney) 3, L. A. Smith (Fairford) 4, O. I. J. Pearce (conductor) 5, F. Whipp 6, E. C. Hughes 7, J. Belcher 8.

ACTON.—On Sunday, July 2nd, for evensong, at St. Mary's, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): F. W. Garner 1, P. Rowe 2, H. G. Andrews 3, P. E. Clark 4, J. E. Lewis Cockey (conductor) 5, A. B. Wiffen 6, W. G. Wilson 7, E. C. S. Turner 8. First quarter-peal of Bob Major by ringers of treble and second.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.—At St. Peter's Church, on St. Peter's Day, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): *Jack Kesterton 1, *Oreil Castleman 2, *Horace Woolaston 3, Sidney Harrison 4, Arthur Skinner 5, Ronald Swann 6, Rowland Barrow (conductor) 7, *Harry Woolaston 8. *First quarter-peal of Stedman Triples.

WOOLWICH.—At St. Mary's for evensong on July 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Miss L. Aldridge (first quarter-peal) 1, E. Gilbert (first quarter-peal in the method) 2, Douglas Brown 3, H. Mackinder 4, F. Johnson 5, A. S. Richards (conductor) 6, B. W. Aldridge 7, J. Loam (first quarter-peal) 8.

TWICKENHAM.—At St. Mary's on Sunday, July 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples for evensong: *E. Pond 1, H. Andrews 2, C. W. Ottley 3, J. Herbert 4, E. C. S. Turner 5, H. A. W. Hughes 6, E. Morris (conductor) 7, *Don Lothian 8. *First quarter-peal in any method.

STOKE ASH, SUFFOLK.—On July 19th two of Mr. E. F. Poppy's juniors scored their first quarter-peal. This was 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: *Miss N. Gooderham 1, *Miss A. Hillen 2, Miss V. Gooderham 3, L. Lock 4, A. Lock, jun. (conductor) 5. *First quarter-peal.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Sunday, June 25th, before evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. J. Balcombe 1, R. Blond 2, W. Lambell 3, H. Bishop 4, R. G. Rice 5, B. L. J. Brown (conductor) 6, A. H. Webb 7, W. A. Goodenough 8. Rung to commemorate the christening of the conductor's son and heir.

N.U.T.S. AT BRIDPORT.

The National Union of Tower Snatchers have been on the snatch again. A party of them have been touring Dorset way, and on Sunday, with the kind co-operation of the local ringers, they rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at Bridport before evensong on Sunday: E. Beach (Wraybury) (first quarter-peal) 1, M. Melville (Coventry) 2, Miss E. Bedford (Uxbridge) 3, H. Smith (Melksham) 4, W. Hunt (Twyford) 5, D. Rrock (Sunbury-on-Thames) 6, R. Darvill (Prittlewell) (conductor) 7, E. Hartley (Willesden) 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The bells of Huntsham, Devon, have been restored by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. and are to be rededicated this evening at 7 p.m. by the Archdeacon of Exeter.

Huntsham was the home of the Troytes, and in 1877 C. A. W. Troyte, a Trinity Hall, Cambridge, man, and author of Troyte's 'Change Ringing,' completed a band, otherwise composed of Oxford University Society ringers, who rang at Appleton 'the first peal ever rung by members of the two universities without the assistance of any other persons.'

Some of the others who took part were the Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), Mr. (as he then was) C. D. P. Davies and Mr. G. H. Phillott (who together founded the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association), Mr. F. A. Milne, who became president of the Middlesex Association, and others who subsequently abandoned ringing. Before that time his brother, J. E. Troyte (undergraduate of Christ Church, Oxford), was an extremely active member of the Oxford Society.

There are two attractive ringing gatherings on August Bank Holiday. In the South, there is to be a rally at Leatherhead, Surrey, and in the North, the North Notts Association and the Sheffield and District Society are holding a joint meeting at Retford, Notts.

Foundations for a new All Hallows' Church at Twickenham are now being formed and the shape of the tower is distinguishable. The church is to be built of stone brought from All Hallows', Lombard Street, London. But will the bells go, too? Or will they find a home elsewhere?

The death occurred on Saturday of Mr. John Overton, of Bridgnorth. The funeral took place on Wednesday.

The achievement of the North Lincolnshire band in ringing a peal of nine extents of spliced Minor in 125 methods is a 'brain twister.' Many ringers would go crazy long before they could reach this stage of ringing and we are not sure that the Lincolnshire band may not have an eye on their future comfort if anything should happen to them.

We hear that one of them has already obtained a job at a Lincolnshire mental hospital repairing the pads in the padded cells.

At a meeting of ringers in the North the other day, a vote of thanks was accorded to the caterer for the fine tea supplied. 'I am pleased to hear that,' said the hostess in reply, 'it was some left over from last week.'

THE B.U.R.G. TOURS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—Owing to illness, we have two or three empty seats in the coach for the B.U.R.G. Motor-Coach Tours (six days, August 14th to 19th inclusive). Perhaps a couple of your readers may wish to take part. The tours are £2 2s. for nearly 800 miles' run and a ring at 40 or more towers. Accommodation is £1 10s. 6d. for seven nights B. and B., and the midday meal (hot dinner six days) 10s. 3d. Part of week or days may be booked 'pro rata.' Any ringer or friends interested should apply immediately to

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'WARFIELD' IS 'CASSIOBURY.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am informed that the method rung at and named 'Warfield' on May 20th had previously been rung at Watford in May, 1936, as 'Cassiobury.'

I am not surprised, for I wondered why such a good method, published in 1924, should remain unringed for so long a time, but I am sorry I failed to connect 'Warfield' with 'Cassiobury' as 'Berkshire without 7th's.'

The footnote should now read, 'First peal in the method (Cassiobury) by the band and for the Guild.' With all due apologies.

L. STILWELL.

Windsor.

SHEFFIELD BROADCAST.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I feel I must congratulate the Sheffield Cathedral ringers on their wonderful broadcast on Sunday evening last. It was not only good to hear twelve, but it was a pleasure to hear them struck properly. I used to think that twelve bells never came through well, but I'm inclined to change my views on this matter. So 'Bravo, Sheffield.'

FRANK HOPGOOD.

Wimbledon, S.W.

WEDDING BELLS.

At Chiddingstone, Kent, on July 28th, in honour of the wedding of Mr. Ernest H. Everest, the captain of the local ringers and Tonbridge district representative on the committee of the Kent County Association, a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted by fellow-members of the district, but was lost after 2 hours 45 minutes owing to a shift course

ILKLEY BELLS TO BE RECAST. MEMORIES OF JASPER SNOWDON.

Ilkley in Yorkshire has more than one claim to fame. What some one has called the Yorkshireman's anthem is sung about Ilkley's moor, but to ringers its greatest interest lies in the fact that it was here, at the Vicarage, that Jasper Whitfield Snowdon was born, and it was at the Parish Church that he first acquired the interest in change ringing which eventually had such far reaching results, through his influence as a writer of technical books on the art. It is here, too, under the shadow of the tower, that he lies buried.

And now Ilkley bells, which are as intimately associated with the name of Snowdon as the name of Snowdon is with change ringing, are to be recast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

Jasper Snowdon was born shortly after his father had been appointed Vicar of Ilkley, and one of the first things to which the Rev. John Snowdon turned his attention was the restoration of the bells. There were three at that time, dated respectively 1609, 1636 and 1676. The two heaviest were cracked. The outcome of the Vicar's efforts



ILKLEY PARISH CHURCH.

was a new peal of six, cast by Taylor, in 1845, and the fifth, upon which this is recorded, bears the name of the Rev. John Snowdon, as well as those of the four churchwardens of the time. The bells were opened by being chimed for service on Sunday, January 11th, 1846.

After leaving Rossall and settling down to mechanical engineering, Jasper Snowdon found his way to the belfry and became interested in ringing, but, being unable to get on with the old ringers, he dropped it for a period until 1870, when, the old hands falling out, he formed the Ilkley Amateur Society, which prospered so much under his leadership that they soon wanted more bells. Under the advice of Sir Edmund Beckett Denison (afterwards Lord Grimthorpe), who was a friend of the family, a treble and tenor were added and the old fourth recast a semi-tone lower, the whole peal being rebung in an oak frame at a cost of about £350, of which the Ilkley Amateur Society themselves contributed £50. The bells were first rung as an octave for divine service on November 23rd, 1873, and they have gone on ever since.

Jasper Snowdon died unexpectedly after a short illness on November 16th, 1885, at the age of 41, and was buried in the family grave in Ilkley Churchyard. In 1887 the change ringers of England placed a memorial stained glass window in the north aisle illustrative of the art of ringing and based upon the 150th Psalm. So Ilkley Church is full of the memories of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, whose influence is still at work more than 50 years after his death.

BELLRINGERS WITH GRIEVANCES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I cannot understand why, among bellringers, there are a great number who are continually grumbling, falling out and back-biting. And I cannot understand why much of the brief space in 'The Ringing World' is used for the airing of trifling grievances.

Isn't bellringing part of the influential voice of the Christian Church? It is a great pity that mingling with its music there always seem to be people who prefer to be out of tune. I refer to those who cause much unpleasantness.

Surely bellringers, as Christians, should strive to bridge differences and bring about reconciliation. They seem to forget the Christian way of service. In my opinion they should reconcile, overlook wrong deeds or forgive. Our Lord's earthly life was spent in a setting of much worldly unrest—but He said, 'Be of good cheer.'

Parkstone.

LESLIE COX.

DEATH OF MR. C. D. POTTER. PRESIDENT OF BARNSELEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The death occurred at his home on Tuesday, July 25th, of Mr. Charles Dalton Potter, president of the Barnsley and District Society, and Barnsley's 'Grand Old Man' of ringing. Had he lived until September 2nd he would have been 80 years of age. Mr. Potter had been ill for some time and was in a Sheffield nursing home for two months, returning to Barnsley on July 13th. He leaves a widow, three sons and three daughters in bereavement. Three sons were lost in the Great War.

Mr. Potter had been connected with ringing for over 60 years, having rung his first peal when he was 18 years of age. He took part in ringing for Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee and the Diamond Jubilee, the relief of Mafeking, the Coronations of King Edward VII. and King George V., and he also had a touch at Monk Bretton previous to a peal being rung in honour of the Coronation of King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth.

He was not a great peal ringer, but was always pleased to be in a ringing chamber and was happiest when he was helping young ringers to ring either Grandsire Doubles or Plain Bob Minor.

Mr. Potter was one of the founders of the Barnsley and District Society, which was formed in 1909 chiefly to encourage Minor ringing, and this society had been close to his heart up to his death. He had held various offices. He was secretary from 1912 until 1930, when he handed over the duties through failing health. He was then made life vice-president for his services and in 1932 elected as president, which office he held at the time of his death. He was the instigator of the annual shield contest, in which he took keen interest. This was started in 1926, and he had never missed being present at these contests until this year, when, through his illness, he unfortunately could not be present.

Mr. Potter had been a member of the Yorkshire Association since 1893. He was also a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and had represented the Barnsley and District Society on the Central Council since 1927.

He was the founder and principal of Messrs. C. D. Potter and Sons, builders and public works contractors, of Barnsley, and was a member of various organisations connected with the building trade. He was loved by all who knew him.

The funeral took place on Friday, July 28th, the service, conducted by the Rector (Canon W. E. Wilkinson) and the Rev. A. E. Snow (Rector of Cumberworth), being held in St. Mary's Church at noon, and the interment taking place in Barnsley Cemetery. The bells of St. Mary's Church were rung fully muffled previous to the service to touches of Kent Treble Bob Major, and, after the burial, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung. Ringers were present from the following towers: Cawthorne, Felkirk, Horbury, Hoylandswaine, Monk Bretton, Darfield, Sandal, Wath and three of the local band.

Mr. Potter was of a retiring disposition, but had a heart of gold. He was never happier than when extending hospitality to his fellow-members, and his death has caused a gap that cannot be filled. Those who knew Charles Dalton Potter best will miss him most.

DEATH OF SUSSEX RINGER.

MR. FREDERICK W. CRIPPS.

Sussex has lost one of its oldest ringers by the death of Mr. Frederick W. Cripps, of Shoreham, who passed away on Sunday, July 23rd, at the age of 69 years after a long illness. He had been a ringer for over 50 years.

Born at Roffey, near Horsham, he lived for a considerable period on his father's farm at Lower Beeding, and then, on his marriage, went into farming on his own account. Later he became licensee of an inn at Kingsfold, near Warnham, whence he took over the Marlpin Inn at Shoreham, which he held for 19 years until he retired about six years ago. At Lower Beeding, and later at Shoreham, he became leader of the ringers and served on the committee of the Sussex County Association. He was also a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Mr. Cripps leaves a widow, two sons (one of whom, Mr. Jack M. Cripps, is a well-known ringer) and two daughters (one of whom lives in Sydney, Australia) in bereavement.

Mr. Cripps was once an active peal ringer, but kept no record of his peals. He had, however, rung many in the better known methods on six and eight bells and a few peals of Royal. He had called Holt's Original and a few other peals in plain methods.

The funeral took place on Thursday of last week and was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. F. G. Glossop), the choirs of both St. Mary's and St. Nicholas' Churches attending to lead the singing of the 23rd Psalm and the hymns, 'Abide with me' and 'Jesus lives.' In addition to the family mourners many were present to pay their last tribute of respect, among them Mr. F. E. Pierce (churchwarden of St. Mary's), Mr. E. C. Steward (churchwarden of St. Nicholas'), Mr. Nixey (postmaster) and the following ringers: Messrs. Keith Hart, F. Page, T. Burtenshaw and F. Knowles. After the service, St. Mary's bells were rung half-muffled by Messrs. S. E. Armstrong (hon. secretary, Sussex Association), K. Hart (St. Peter's, Brighton), J. T. Toms (Good Shepherd, Brighton), J. Farmer and A. W. Groves (Heene), and T. Howe, T. Burtenshaw, H. Gardner, J. Gardner, O. Giles, F. Halsted and F. Page (of the local band).

BREAD AND DRINK FOR THE RINGERS.

THE ORIGIN OF THE CUSTOM.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The Halesworth ringers do well to remember their past, but the claim that they are one of the oldest ringing societies in England, with a 400th anniversary, has no real foundation, apart from any question of continuity.

No doubt it is true that on July 19th, 1539, William Walpole bequeathed a certain sum of money to provide bread and drink for the ringers, but that is no proof that there was any ringing society in the town, or even a regular band of ringers.

Walpole had no intention of benefiting the ringers or encouraging the art of ringing. Like hundreds and, indeed, thousands of other men of his time, what he was thinking of was to provide for his own obit, that is to say for a requiem mass to be sung for the benefit of his soul on the anniversary of his death. A requiem mass of this sort involved an elaborate ritual, and the payment of many assistants had to be provided for—priest, deacon and sub-deacon, clerks to sing and the rest.

Two important features of the ritual were the burning of tapers and the ringing of bells, and in wills of this sort there is always provision made for money to provide wax and for the men who rang.

The ringing was real ringing. The bells were swung as high as the fittings of the time allowed, not merely chimed or knolled. Muffled ringing was, of course, unknown. Nothing like change ringing, either method ringing or called changes, had as yet been invented, but probably the bells were properly rung in rounds. It is unlikely that there were any special ringers and, probably, what happened was that the parish clerk picked out a few lusty young fellows from the parish and sent them up into the tower to pull the ropes. In some cases the ringing at an obit seems to have lasted off and on all the day. It was the usual thing to send them beer and bread, which they consumed in the belfry.

In the sixteenth century there can hardly have been a single church of any importance which did not possess endowments for these obits, but all were confiscated by the Crown by the Act of 1547 on the plea that they were superstitious uses, which in the main probably they were.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

SEVERN SALMON.

RINGERS' SUPPER AT RUARDEAN.

The social side of ringing is one of its glories, and certainly a more sociable gathering than that which sat down at the Angel Inn, Ruardean, to the annual salmon supper of the South Forest of Dean Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association can scarcely be imagined. This was the first occasion on which the branch supper had been held at Ruardean; previously it had been held at Lydney.

The president of the branch, ex-Supt. J. Shellsell, M.B.E., was supported by the Rev. G. F. Hilder and the Rev. St. J. Bradford, of St. John the Baptist's Church, Ruardean. Visitors included Mr. and Mrs. T. P. King and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Smallwood (Bath), Messrs. J. Austin and T. Baldwin (Gloucester), ex-Sergt. J. Williams (Newent), Messrs. W. Yeend (secretary of the Cheltenham Branch), C. W. Martin and W. Townsend (Cheltenham), and Messrs. J. Clarke and J. Webb (Ross).

After a delightful supper of Severn salmon, new potatoes and green peas, trifle and biscuits, the president proposed the toast of 'The King.'

The Rev. G. F. Hilder welcomed the visitors, saying how pleased he was to see ringers from so far afield. He also remarked on the inconvenience of the present system at the Parish Church whereby ringers, choir and clergy had to use the same room. He hoped as soon as possible to build a separate vestry and asked for the support of all ringers, as such an addition would leave the tower to the ringers alone.—Mr. W. Yeend, Cheltenham, suitably replied.

Mr. Scott, of the local band, thanked the hostess, Mrs. T. Morgan, for the excellent supper she had prepared.

A first rate musical evening followed, including songs from Messrs. R. Pownall, S. Scott, J. Clarke and W. Scott, which Mr. E. Parsons accompanied, and pianoforte solos by the Rev. H. St. J. Bradford. Several touches and tunes were rung on handbells, but undoubtedly the 'high spot' was the course of Grandsire Triples by Messrs. J. Austin and J. Williams, so aptly described by the president as the 'two schoolboys.' Their ages are 77 and 87 respectively.

If this was the first annual salmon supper to be held at Ruardean, it is hoped it will not be the last, and it is hoped, too, that next year it will be bigger and better still.

OLD HAVANT RINGERS MEET.

Old members of the band at Havant met again on Sunday, July 23rd, at St. Faith's Church, and took part in a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) for evening service: W. Monk (Havant) 1, E. Brett (Holborn) 2, L. Best (Cardiff) 3, R. Robinson (Portsea) 4, F. Penn (Westbury) 5, R. J. Hasted (Hayling Island) 6, R. Hasted (Farnham, conductor) 7, S. Parsons (Havant) 8. The ringers of the 3rd, 5th, 6th and 7th were members of the Havant band together 19 years ago.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD FESTIVAL.

GOOD RINGING AT SEVERAL TOWERS.

The annual ringing festival of the Truro Diocesan Guild was held at Helston on Saturday. Among those present were the Ringing Master (Mr. W. H. Southard), the treasurer (Mr. H. Dunstan), the diocesan secretary (the Rev. W. H. R. Trehella), the Assistant Ringing Master (Mr. W. J. Garland), Mr. C. E. Laxton, Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram, Miss E. Symons, the Rev. F. F. Gilbert and members from the following towers: Truro Cathedral, Altarnon, Cury, Gulval, Helston, Landewednack, Manaccan, St. Stephen's in Brannel, Towednack, Wendron and the newly-affiliated tower of St. Breock. Among the visitors were Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Coles, of the Middlesex Association.

Besides the delightful light ring of eight at Helston, the sixes at Crowan, Cury, Mawgan and Wendron were available. The ringing included Grandsire, Stedman, call changes and rounds, and although a certain mixed band seemed to be attempting to fire Helston bells, the striking was quite good—much better than is often heard at these festivals.

A service was held in Helston Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. D. Moon) and the Rev. A. M. Daintree (Vicar of Cury).

Tea followed in the Parish Hall, at which the diocesan secretary, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar and all who helped in organising the festival, said he had received a message from Mr. Symons, their veteran president, regretting his inability to be present and wishing the festival all success.

The Ringing Master, seconding, welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Coles and spoke of the advantages of bands mixing up sometimes with other bands, and also of ringers not always ringing the same bell.

Mr. Coles, replying, referred to the fact that in most Guilds membership was individual and not by towers as was the case in the Truro diocese. He emphasised the Ringing Master's point of bands mixing together.

The secretary, taking to heart what had been said, deserted the Cathedral band for Landewednack, and had some excellent practice with them in call changes at the six-bell tower of Mawgan.

'HOME COUNTIES' MEETING.

SURPRISES AT BARNET.

A most enjoyable joint meeting, arranged by the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild (North and East District) and the Hertford County Association (St. Albans District), was held at Barnet and Monken Hadley on Saturday week. Over 50 members and visitors had pleasure in participating in the ringing, which reached a high standard, and the non-residents of the two counties came from such a wide area that the event could be termed a Home Counties meeting. There were different kinds of Surprises. For instance, Mr. H. J. Eldred received one or two more postcards than usual, but, even so, the caterers were made unexpectedly busy by those who 'brought their postcards with them.' Then there was the ringing at Barnet Church until 5.30 p.m., because there was no service; the meeting of old friends once again; and methods without practically any limit.

Mr. G. W. Fletcher (vice-president of the Middlesex County Association) welcomed the members of the Hertford County Association, although actually on their own soil, but he referred to the fact that in 1889 a parent body of the association he represented was formed at Barnet. A word of appreciation was extended to Mr. A. Day, president of the Hertford County Association, for his attendance. The death of Mr. J. Roberts (Northaw) was referred to; he had been a loyal and trustworthy ringer and also a member of both associations, and the gathering stood for a few moments in silent tribute.

Altogether the two district secretaries saw so many happy faces that they were able to go home with contented minds in the knowledge that the giving of their services for the benefit of fellow-members was so successful.

CAPTAIN AT TILEHURST FOR 45 YEARS.

After being captain of the bellringers at Tilehurst, Berks, for 45 years, Mr. H. Goodger has retired and a presentation took place at Stow-on-the-Wold during the outing of the ringers. It was subscribed by past and present members of the belfry. Mr. Goodger received a silver bell inkstand suitably inscribed and Mrs. Goodger a silver-plated egg stand.

The presentation was made by the Rector, who spoke of Mr. Goodger's long and successful record of service.

In replying, Mr. Goodger, who was taken by surprise, thanked everyone for their kindness and hoped his successor, Mr. R. N. Runham, would have as happy a time as he had had.

The outing took place on July 22nd, when a party of 25 ringers and friends, including the Rector, the Rev. F. G. Sherwood (who is Reading Branch chairman of the Oxford Guild), Mr. Wiggins and Mr. E. G. Foster (branch secretary), had a half-day's coach tour, in the course of which they rang at Dorchester Abbey and proceeded via Witney and Burford to Stow-on-the-Wold. Ringing here was confined to the front six owing to a mishap to the clock wire. After tea at the Unicorn Hotel, Great Tew and Kirtlington were visited for ringing, the methods including Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Boh Major.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CHERRIES AND CRICKET AT TUNSTALL.

Ideal summer weather drew a large number of ringers and friends to the summer quarterly meeting of the Rochester District, held at Tunstall on Saturday, July 29th. Ringing commenced shortly after 3 o'clock, but the cricket match arranged between Northfleet and Rainham teams of ringers, which should have started at 3 o'clock, had to be held over until after tea, as a part of the Northfleet team 'missed a whole turn' en route from Sittingbourne and found themselves very much behind time.

The ringers' service, attended by well over 70 members, was taken by the Rector of Tunstall.

A first class tea in the Memorial Hall was very kindly provided by the Rector and churchwardens, and the waiting at tea was undertaken by local ringers' wives, who did their part well. As usual Mr. Spice, sen., one of the K.C.A. veterans still going strong at Tunstall, made all preparations to secure the success of the meeting, and when there is a summer meeting at Tunstall Mr. Spice invariably ensures a good supply of cherries from the local orchards, which are much appreciated.

Routine matters were dealt with at the business meeting, including the fixing of place for the annual district meeting. It was decided to hold this at Rochester in the latter part of October.

Following the tea and meeting, ringing was resumed by those members who were not in conflict on the cricket pitch, and continued until after 9 o'clock.

Regarding the cricket match: the teams, composed mainly of the younger ringers and including a good proportion of the fairer sex, were fairly well matched—(Note, it would be difficult to state how many umpires there were in all!)—but on the showing of the score board Northfleet were slightly the better team. However, both sides, as well as onlookers, had a jolly good time, and a return match will doubtless follow in due course.

Altogether the meeting at Tunstall was a complete success in every way.

QUARTERLY PEALS IN TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.

The summer meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Penshurst on Saturday, July 15th. About 50 members and other ringers were present, and enjoyed some good ringing, ranging from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise Major, under the leadership of the Master, Mr. E. J. Ladd. District towers represented were Brasted, Chiddingstone, Leigh, East Peckham, Sevenoaks, Tunbridge Wells and Penshurst, while ringing friends came from so far away as Kingston, Leytonstone, Beddington, Crayford and Chislehurst.

Through the kindness of Lord De Isle and Dudley and the Rev. P. H. Turnbull, Rector of Penshurst, the beautiful gardens of Penshurst Place and the Rectory were open to the visitors.

Service was conducted by the Rector, and after tea in the Village Hall the business meeting was presided over by the Rev. P. H. Turnbull. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Housden, Mr. and Mrs. W. Massey, Mr. and Mrs. C. Parks, Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., and Mr. T. Groombridge, jun. The chairman was supported by the district representatives, Messrs. E. Everest and T. Saunders, Mr. E. J. Ladd (Master) and the secretary (Mr. A. E. Richardson).

Messrs. R. Austen and O. Butler, of Hawkhurst, were elected as practising members. Mr. H. Lamb (churchwarden of St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells) and Mrs. H. Lamb were elected as honorary members.

Mr. E. J. Ladd, reporting on the last quarterly peal attempt, said he was very disappointed at the lack of requests from members wishing to stand in, and suggested that if the attempts were to go on, the members would have to show more interest.

The next attempt is to be Bob Major, and although some names were put forward, it was made clear that this did not mean that members not at the meeting would not be considered if their names were sent to the Master. The attempt would probably be made at Speldhurst on August 26th.

Votes of thanks were accorded to Lord de Isle and Dudley, the Rev. P. H. Turnbull, and Mr. G. Edwards, the local secretary, for all they had done to help make the meeting a success.

Mr. F. W. Housden, on behalf of the ringers from outside the district, said he would like to thank the members of the Tonbridge District for the way in which they had put themselves out to welcome them.—Mr. W. Massey supported Mr. Housden. He said that it was the first meeting of the Kent Association he had attended, and remarked that he had been treated with no warmer welcome anywhere.

GOOD RINGING AT MAIDSTONE DISTRICT MEETING.

A meeting of Maidstone District of the Kent County Association was held at West Malling on July 8th. There was some exceptionally good ringing, but it would not have been of such a high standard had it not been for the visitors, who came from Little Chart, Rochester Cathedral, St. Lawrence Jewry (London), Beckenham, West Wickham and St. Mary's, Chatham. Local towers represented were only Igham, Linton, Maidstone and West Malling. This was rather a disappointment, as West Malling is a tower which is not very difficult to reach, and half-fares were paid to members who attended the meeting.

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QUARTER-PEALS IN CANADA.

VICTORIA RINGERS' ACTIVITIES.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on Christ Church Cathedral bells, Victoria, B.C., on Empire Day (May 24th) by Miss M. Izard 1, Arthur Izard 2, A. C. Melhuish 3, A. King 4, W. Sampson 5, T. Guest 6, A. B. Lomas 7, E. Lake 8.

Three days later a half-muffled quarter-peal was rung by the same band in memory of Mr. Hopkins, who died on the 25th, at the age of 86 years. Mr. Hopkins was a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, and one of the first to come forward when the bells at the Cathedral were installed three years ago. Unfortunately, ill-health prevented him from taking any active part in the belfry, but in spite of that his keenness and interest was of considerable help to the organisation. He always 'listened in' to the broadcast of the bells on Sunday evenings.

During the visit of King George and Queen Elizabeth on May 29th and 30th the bells hardly stopped ringing. They were rung as the steamer 'Princess Marguerite' came in sight of Victoria and continued until the royal party arrived at Government House. Amplifiers were placed around the city, connected to the belfry microphone. On Tuesday morning the ringing started before their Majesties left Government House and continued at intervals all day. At 2 p.m. they were broadcast before and after the King's speech over C.B.C. and American Network. The ringing continued until 9 p.m., but in spite of so much ringing every bellringer saw the King and Queen at least once.

For the past year three of the band who formerly rang at the R.C. Cathedral of the Holy Rosary, Vancouver, have been living in Victoria, and the Vancouver band keenly felt the loss. However, they have been able to muster a full company of eight, and even more at times, but on Sunday, June 16th, when two of the former members (Mr. A. B. Lomas and Mr. W. Sampson) revisited Vancouver and brought with them Mr. J. E. Hutchings, of Victoria, a well-struck quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from the 'Clavis') was rung by A. C. Limpus 1, W. Sampson 2, R. Pitman 3, F. Hird 4, T. Silvester 5, J. Watts 6, A. B. Lomas (conductor) 7, J. E. Hutchings 8.

TEWKESBURY ABBEY.

In connection with the festival and thanksgiving for the restoration of Tewkesbury Abbey on Thursday, July 10th, four courses of Grandsire Caters were rung before the service, the Rev. E. G. Benson, a former curate at the Abbey, taking part. After the service six courses of Grandsire Caters were rung. On Sunday, July 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters by Albert Humphris 1, William Townsend 2, Sydney E. Romans 3, John Austin (conductor) 4, Thomas Baldwin 5, Charles Martin 6, Thomas Newman 7, Thomas Boreham 8, John F. Ballinger 9, Henry Devereux 10.

The bells have recently been overhauled by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., and everything is in perfect order again.

NOT OFTEN RUNG.

Ringers from Winslow and North Marston assisted with the ringing for evening service on Sunday week at Padbury, Bucks. These bells, a peal of six, with tenor 14 cwt., are not often rung owing to the shortage of ringers. Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor were rung on this occasion, and Mr. Frank Hopgood, of Wimbledon, who cycled 120 miles on purpose to take part, wishes to thank Mr. Gough, Mr. Gibbard and their fellow-ringers for their very warm welcome.

THREE GENERATIONS.

Grandfather, father and daughter took part in a 720 of Bob Minor rung for evening service at Burton Latimer, Northants, on Sunday, July 23rd. They were Mr. J. Saddington, Mr. B. J. Saddington and Miss M. J. Saddington (aged 13). G. E. Watson, aged 16, called his first 720. Miss M. J. Saddington 1, B. J. Saddington 2, J. D. Ball 3, J. Saddington 4, C. G. Hendry 5, G. E. Watson 6.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening, the methods including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Double Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise Major.

Owing to the illness of the Vicar, no service could be held. Following tea at the Bear Hotel, at which 25 members were present, Mr. C. H. Sone presided over the business meeting.

The annual meeting of the district will be held at Maidstone on October 14th. After three places had been proposed for a by-meeting, East Farleigh was selected, and the meeting is to be held on August 26th.

Mr. J. Main, of Aylesford, was elected a member, and thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and a message of sympathy was sent to him, with good wishes for his speedy recovery.

Thanks were also given to Mr. Slowman for the arrangements made. When the ringers returned to the tower they were met by the 'unfortunates' who had lost a peal at Wrotham in the afternoon.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

TOUR IN THE THAMES VALLEY.

The Wanstead ringers and their friends had a very successful outing on Saturday, July 15th, when they visited some of the interesting churches in the Thames Valley. A short halt was made at Beaconsfield, where the charms of a country town were much in evidence. By 10 o'clock Marlow was reached, and the tuneful eight of All Saints' Church were rung to Kent Treble Bob and Stedman Triples from the attractive tower overlooking the Thames, near the suspension bridge. Although the church and bridge have only just passed the century in age, Marlow can trace its first incumbent to 1204 and claim to have been a Saxon market town.

Shiplake was the next objective, reached via Henley. This stretch was a real feast for the eyes. The veteran ringer, Mr. Porter, of the Plowden Arms, welcomed the ringers, and touches of Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major were rung on the pleasing bells of SS. Peter and Paul's. One wondered if these bells rang out when Lord Tennyson was married there in 1850. Ancient glass brought from St. Bertin's Abbey and St. Omer enrich the windows, whilst in the vestry is a portrait of the Rev. James Granger, Vicar 1746-1776, a worthy historian. The original painting of this celebrity, by John Cornish, was presented to the National Gallery last year.

Lunch was well served at the Plowden Arms, the home-grown peas being a speciality. The journey was then continued to Reading and thence via Pangbourne to Wallingford. Mr. J. H. Norris, a long-service ringer, greeted the party at St. Mary's, where eight rich-toned bells, tenor 21 cwt., grace the spacious tower, embattled and pinnacled. Touches of Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major were much enjoyed.

A short run brought the party to Sutton Courtenay, where tea was taken without any delay, served by two ladies, who might in turn be classified as 'ancient and modern.' At the conclusion Messrs. J. Chalk and F. Bryant, on behalf of the ringers and visitors respectively, thanked Mr. J. Crampion for all that he had done to make the outing such a great success.

Mr. J. Crampion suitably replied and expressed his willingness to act again. Then followed the final ringing at All Saints' a very attractive edifice, in keeping with a fascinating village. Mr. Allen greeted the party, and touches of Cambridge Surprise Minor and Kent Treble Bob were rung on a melodious six.

The interior of the church has Early English work from the 12th to the 16th century. Of particular interest are the 12th century ornamented cylindrical font and the 25 volumes, the remains of a chained library. Here are found 17th century copies of Foxe's 'Martyrs' and Raleigh's 'History of the World.' Two tombs in the churchyard are worthy of mention; one a 14th century altar-tomb and the other the high tomb of Cotswold stone to the memory of Lord Oxford and Asquith.

A general survey of the picturesque village followed, the 'high-light' being the delightful river scenery close by. Reluctantly all rejoined the coach for the homeward run via Dorchester, Watlington and High Wycombe. Memories of a happy day will live on—good welcomes, good bells and good company!

HOLBORN GUILD'S EXCURSION.

St. Andrew's, Holborn, Guild had a very enjoyable day for their outing. They travelled to Slough by train and then had a delightful coach drive through Maidenhead, Marlow and High Wycombe to Haddenham, where they rang, and then went to Chipping Norton and had lunch at the White Hart Hotel, under the chairmanship of Mr. E. Brett, the Ringing Master of the Guild. After lunch the toast of 'St. Andrew's Guild' was proposed by Mr. W. C. Cook and acknowledged by the Master, and the health of Mrs. E. C. Bedford was also drunk with musical honours. Mrs. Bedford (widow of the late Rector of St. Andrew's) had kindly sent cigars and cigarettes for the party. Ringing on the Parish Church bells was afterwards enjoyed, the time passing all too quickly with touches of Stedman, Plain Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge. Then some of the party tried the experience of going 'down the chute' on a mat. How the experiment ended or how they landed is not recorded. The journey was continued to Buckingham, where there was ringing on the delightful peal of bells, and then to Tring, where, after tea, there was further ringing. On the homeward journey through beautiful country lanes rabbits abounded, which made Percy wild, because he had left his darts in the double-one at Chipping Norton. Paddington was reached at the end of a very happy day and thanks were given to the secretary for his successful efforts in arranging such an enjoyable trip. The Guild take this opportunity of thanking the various incumbents for the use of their bells and the ringers at the respective towers who made the visitors so welcome.

CHESHIRE RINGERS VISIT WALES.

On Saturday, July 22nd, the ringers of St. Peter's, Rock Ferry, Cheshire, accompanied by a number of privileged friends, participated in the first of what, it is sincerely trusted, will be a series of annual outings. The venue chosen was Llangollen, the charmingly situated town in the Dee Valley and a favourite resort of picnic parties of all kinds. Though the weather was not too promising at the start, the party turned up in full force, and a quick run through Queen's Ferry over the Llandegla Moors and round the Horseshoe Pass enabled them to see some of the loveliest scenery of this part of Wales. The Horseshoe Pass, with its hairpin bends, provided some of the ladies with a thrill, but all were unanimous in saying that the view from the pass was well worth the excitement of the run.

On arrival at the destination, a move was made towards the Parish Church, where everyone was anxious to try out the bells. Quickly they were raised, and touches of Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Major and Grand sire Triples were brought round. The bells 'go' splendidly, and it was with a great reluctance that the ringers eventually left them in order to satisfy the inner man. After a sumptuous tea at the Glyn Cafe, several of the party returned to the tower, where they were pleased to meet some of the local band, who stood in some of the touches with them. The rain having cleared away, others wandered round the town and spent the evening in various ways, a couple of the more energetic even climbing the hill locally known as 'Crow Castle'. A start for home was made about 9.30 and a delightful afternoon's outing came to an end all too quickly. By the way, the rest of the company would dearly like to know if the gentleman with the cauliflower enjoyed his Sunday dinner! The band would like to thank all those who in any way contributed to the success of the outing, particularly the Vicar of Llangollen for permitting the use of the bells, and Mr. Downham, of the local band, for his kindness in having the tower and bells ready.

Special thanks must also be extended to Mr. J. Leslie, of the Rock Ferry band, who not only made all the arrangements for the day, but was the life and soul of the journey home, keeping everybody in a really happy mood, his 'sand dance' in particular convulsing the party. On behalf of the ringers not of St. Peter's band, the writer would like to say how much they enjoyed the whole trip and appreciated the kindly thought which prompted the invitation to join in the outing.

PUTNEY MEN ON TOUR.

The members of the St. Mary's, Putney, band held their annual outing on Saturday, July 8th. They left Putney Church at 7.30 a.m. and picked up the two 'lads' and others en route for Rickmansworth, where breakfast was said to be waiting. It wasn't, but we got it and proceeded to the church and spent three-quarters of an hour ringing, part time of the good ten. Mr. W. T. Elson had arranged an itinerary which allowed of no delay, so off we had to coach to Watford, where touches were rung on this splendid eight. A crowd seemed to sense a wedding, but were disappointed, as only Mr. and Mrs. 'Twickenham' marched out together. After a dispute with a nasty motorist man, off we went for Tring. A grand ring of bells these, with Mr. Reeve to do the honours. We were rather cut down, as the roads seemed to our driver to lead everywhere but in our desired direction. Nevertheless, we had time for a 'bit' of dinner at the Old Brewery house. It was a good bit too.

Here Alf caught us up in time to have a snack after a strenuous dash from Town. A longish drive brought us to Bicester, where a light eight by Johnston are hung, and where there is the peculiar come and go of sound due to sabbies sometimes being in the holes in the ceiling. Pleasing ringing though. It is a long way to Marlow from Bicester, so off we went to Oxford, until someone 'rucked.' This made us a bit late for tea, and again curtailed ringing on an awfully nice and handy ring, the praise of which I need not sing. We had yet another visit to pay to Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, and as we must have the bells down by 8.15, we were only able to ring a course of 'Grandad' and Stedman, and rather reluctantly had to leave. This concluded the day's ringing and a clear course was set for home, stopping en route to cool the engine, what time the 'lads' played a game of darts under the able tuition of the late outing secretary, who, incidentally, is not so good at darts as at swimming. Home was reached at 10.20 after a splendid day. Methods were very plain, the conducting being shared by Messrs. Elson, Miles, Cassell and Herbert. The weather was very mixed, but ardour was not damped, only one chap taking a nap. Thanks are due to the Vicars and Rectors for kind permission to ring, to the gentlemen who met us at the towers, and to Mr. Elson, who planned such a delightful excursion. J. H.

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NORWICH RINGERS AT SURFLEET.

St. Peter Mancroft Guild visited three towers in South Lincolnshire on the occasion of its annual outing on July 15th. They were accompanied by the Vicar and president of the Norwich Association, and 25 members and friends shared in the excursion. At Spalding Mr. A. J. Farr welcomed the visitors, and the bells were set going—it can hardly be said 'rung'—to three short courses of Superlative. Touches of Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob gave everybody an opportunity to try these tuneful and easy-going bells.

Having waited for the stragglers—and a number were completely apathetic to the carefully drawn up time table, much to the annoyance of a certain member who was extremely anxious to get a close-up of some of Rupert's tomatoes—the bus set off merrily for Surfleet. Everybody enjoyed himself here, ringer and non-ringer alike, for in their own inimitable way Mr. and Mrs. Richardson and Enid combined to make the all-too-brief stay as pleasant as possible. Twenty-six enormous teas were consumed, Rupert's estate examined, and Bob Maximus, Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Cambridge Surprise Major rung at the famous leaning tower. The visitors scrawled their miserable signatures in the Book of the Mighty—everyone of note has, of course, completed his education here—and remarked upon the splendid 'splice' the founders had made in adding two trebles to the already light peal of ten. Having bid Surfleet adieu, a fine peal of bells was found at Holbeach, with a warm welcome from the local band and a long draught of elastic ropes. But the ringing was apparently not so disgraceful as some visitors before them had done, and touches of Cambridge Surprise, Stedman Triples and Bob Major gave all the satisfaction of adding the ringing of these bells to their experience.

A ROUND OF NORFOLK TOWERS.

The ringers of St. Andrew's, Rushmere, Ipswich, had a tour of Norfolk towers on Saturday, June 17th. In Ipswich they picked up friends from St. Clement's and St. Matthew's, Ipswich, and two members from Holbrook, who had cycled the six miles to join the party. The first stop, after a run of 40 miles, was at Attleborough, where a well-known brand of cider is made. Here the six bells were soon in use, after getting accustomed to the fact that the treble hangs behind the 2nd. The treble ringer is a man to be looked up to here. The next run was to the round tower at Watton, with a very good ring of six. After some good ringing a move was made to Saham Toney, where is preserved one of the three old bell frames made about 500 years ago and of queer design. The bells were rebung in new teak frames in 1936 and the old one hoisted above the new one. The bells are a good ring of six with tenor 13½ cwt. Swaffham was the next stop for ringing on the eight bells, and dinner at the Greyhound Hotel. Ringing at Necton (6) and Holmes Hale, another six-bell tower, followed. The latter are a very fair peal, rebung in new frames in 1911. Next on to Ashill, where was found the only peal rung during the day from the ground floor. These are quite a nice peal to ring. A run of 16 miles was needed before tea, which was served at the home of one of the local band at Wilton. Afterwards there was ringing on the six bells, the tenor of which has just been recast after having been out of use many years. Leaving here, the last stop was over the Suffolk border at Brandon, another six and recently rebung. The return was made via Thetford, Ixworth and Stowmarket, home being reached at 10.30, after having travelled 130 miles. Methods rung were Bob Major, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge, Ipswich Surprise and Double Court.

EXCURSION INTO SURREY.

A party numbering 20, including a few friends, left Bournemouth early on Saturday morning, July 1st, by motor-coach for Guildford. A stop was made at Alresford, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Double Norwich were successfully brought round on the much improved musical peal of eight at St. John's Church.

Guildford was reached shortly after noon, but some delay was experienced in finding parking ground, which eventually proved to be under the noses of the visitors hard by the Church of St. Nicolas. Some Caters and Major were much enjoyed on this fine peal before the party adjourned for luncheon. An easy journey after lunch brought the ringers to Haslemere for some more ten-bell ringing. Full use was made of the opportunity to ring this tuneful little peal, and great disappointment was felt when a particularly well-struck touch of Stedman Caters failed to come round. Reluctance to leave these beautiful bells and surroundings led to an overstay of time which the driver cleverly made up and at the same time contrived to show the company some of the country so that the arrival at Bishop's Waltham was very little behind schedule. After tea touches in the standard methods, including Double Norwich, were successfully brought round on the recently augmented peal at St. Peter's Church in the village before starting for home about 9 p.m. The party cannot adequately express its gratitude for the kind arrangements made by the ringers at the various towers and the permissions to ring. Unfortunately, the two Guild meetings coinciding with the date prevented many friends being at the towers. This was just a little disappointing, as the visitors had looked forward to seeing them as well as ringing their beautiful bells.

A NEW PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

Mr. Edgar Shepherd's 5,039 of Grandsire Caters, rung at Leicester on May 30th, is a composition with some unusual features, although the author does not claim originality for the plan. The main quality aimed at is symmetry, which has certainly been achieved, in combination with an exploitation of the musical arrangements of 6, 8, 9.

After the first two courses, the peal is in six blocks of nine courses each. The first course in each block is a turning course for the big bells. The positions of the four front working bells are identical in all the blocks. It is interesting to note that the peal was composed from the end backwards.

23456789			
23654978	1	4S	5
63425	S1	4	
*24537689	S1		
5243	1	2	3
2345	2	3	4
3542	2	3	4
4352	1	2	3
5432	1	2	3
4235	2	3	4
2534	2	3	4
3254	1	2	3

In the succeeding parts this course * is called 2S.4.5S, except in the 4th part, where a bob is substituted for the Single at 2. The course-ends of the first part end in 7639, 2nd part 7963, 3rd part 7896, 4th part 7869, 5th part 7966, 6th part 7698.

LOCAL BAND'S GOOD START.

The ring at St. John's Church, West Wickham, which was recently augmented to six, is being put to good use by the local company, and recently the first extent was rung at the first attempt. It was a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor and was accomplished by G. W. Jones 1, J. Page Wood 2, H. Mackinder 3, P. S. Davis 4, D. Brown 5, A. S. Richards (conductor) 6. First 720 of Minor by the ringers of the treble and fourth.

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HUNTSAM, TIVERTON, DEVON.—The ring of eight bells restored by John Taylor and Co. will be re-dedicated by the Archdeacon of Exeter to-night, Friday, August 4th, at 7 pm.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Clitheroe Parish Church on Saturday, Aug. 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch).—The monthly meeting will be held at Upavon (6 bells) on Saturday, Aug. 5th. Ringing commences 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Meeting to follow. Urchfont bells also available for ringing during evening. Advise me early how many will attend the tea.—W. C. West, Branch Hon. Sec., 584, Semington Road, Melksham.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—A meeting will be held at Gt. Budworth on Sat., Aug. 5th. The bells will be available at 3 p.m.—H. Parker, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—The branch will meet at Terrington St. Clement on Saturday, Aug. 5th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Please try to be present.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—August Bank Holiday.—Ringers' rally and convivial gathering, OPEN TO ALL RINGERS and their friends. Ideal spot for a Bank Holiday meeting. Frequent trains and buses; good going ring of 10 bells; park and gardens adjoining church. Bells available from 3 o'clock to 9 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea will be provided at The Duke's Head at 5.30 p.m. (1s. per head) for all those who notify Mr. Arthur Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead, by Friday, Aug. 4th.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., Surrey Association, 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton.

RETTFORD.—Bank Holiday Monday, Aug. 7th. Joint meeting of the North Notts Association and Sheffield and District Society. Towers open for ringing: East Retford, 10 bells; West Retford, 6 bells; Ordsall, 6 bells; at 2.30 p.m.—R. Towler and M. E. Wilson, Hon. Secs.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice during August: St. Andrew's, Holborn, 10th; St. Magnus the Martyr, 17th and 21st; St. Paul's Cathedral, 15th; Southwark Cathedral, 22nd; St. Clement Danes, 24th; St. Mary-le-Bow, 29th. *Business meeting afterwards.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

ABBOTT'S ANN, NEAR ANDOVER, HANTS.—Ring of 5. Nos. 1, 2 and 3 recast and the peal rehung with modern fittings by Gillett and Johnston. Bells will be re-dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Winchester at 7 p.m., on Aug. 11th.

ST. COLUMB MINOR, NEWQUAY, CORNWALL.—The ring of 6 bells rehung and augmented to eight by John Taylor and Co. will be dedicated by the Archdeacon of Cornwall on Saturday, Aug. 12th, at 3 p.m.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wickwar on Saturday, Aug. 12th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Visitors welcome, but a card for tea would be appreciated.—W. J. Smith, 130, Station Road, Yate, Bristol.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan and Liverpool Branches.—Joint meeting will be held at Rainford on Saturday, August 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., for which please notify Mr. S. Cadwallender, 103, Church Rd., Rainford, near St. Helens.—S. Forshaw and G. R. Newton, Branch Secs.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The summer meeting of this branch will be held as arranged on Saturday, Aug. 12th, at Bidford-on-Avon. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday previous.—J. E. Newman, Hinton Cross, Evesham.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Monthly meeting at Lydiard Millicent on Saturday, Aug. 12th. Six bells. Usual arrangements.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon, Wilts.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Hitchin, Aug. 12th, at 3 p.m., just rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co. Make this best meeting of year. All welcome. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by service.—R. T. Newman, Salisbury Road, Baldock.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A practice will be held at Waltham St. Lawrence (6 bells) on Saturday, August 12th. Bells available from 4 p.m. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Southern District will be held at Heighington on Saturday, Aug. 12th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Ringers requiring tea, please notify me not later than the 10th inst.—J. T. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 54, Newlands Road, Darlington.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Mayfield on Saturday, Aug. 12th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for tea.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill, Place, Wadhurst, Sussex.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Maulden on Saturday, Aug. 12th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. A good company is requested. All ringers welcome. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The monthly meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held at Sandhurst on Saturday, Aug. 12th (usual procedure). Special bus from Worcester Street at 2.45 p.m. (will members please note), and card for tea by the 8th inst. will much oblige.—W. H. Harris, Branch Hon. Sec., 4, G.W.R. Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Darfield on Saturday, Aug. 12th. Bells (6) ready 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Church Schools. For teas please notify Mr. T. Hilton, Stoneleigh, Barnsley Road, Darfield, not later than Wednesday, Aug. 9th. Doncaster to Huddersfield and vice versa, Bus No. 14, passes through. All are welcome.—D. Smith, Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Flixton, on Saturday, Aug. 19th. Tower open for ringing at 5.30. Business meeting at 7 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Western Division will be held at Chichester on Saturday, Aug. 19th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea, price 1s., 5.15, at the Tower Café. Half rail fares, maximum 1s. 6d., allowed to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

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WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The eighth annual dinner will be held at the Star Hotel, Foalgate Street, Worcester, on Saturday, Sept. 30th, at 6 p.m. A large room has been reserved and ample seating accommodation is available. Garage on premises. This is the first dinner of the season; book the date and so help justify the optimism of the committee. Tickets (3s. each) shortly available, and obtainable from branch officers, Dinner Committee, etc.—J. D. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec.

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SOBERTON, HANTS.—On July 13th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. W. Rogers 1, Mrs. C. L. Guy 2, T. R. Taylor 3, F. S. Bayley 4, L. P. Cook 5, O. L. Guy 6, W. Linter (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, T. Worsfold 8.

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