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### MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The post-war revival shown by the Midland Counties' Association in its highly-successful meeting at Loughborough must be most gratifying to all concerned. To some extent the M.C.A. occupies a unique position. We are not sure that its 'sphere of influence' is geographically the largest of the territorial organisations—the Yorkshire Association may cover more acres—but it covers a most important district, with many big industrial centres, and links up quite a number of counties. Its activities extend over the county of Leicestershire and considerable portions of Derbyshire, Notts and Rutland, while it brings in also portions of Staffordshire and Warwick. Its influence is wide and its scope is large; but, putting aside the special attractions which Loughborough offers to ringers, an attendance of nearly 250 at a quarterly meeting is something to be proud of, and not only sets the seal to the popularity of the Association, but is a guarantee of its present prosperity, and a matter of great promise for its future success.

Two points were raised during the meeting which are of interest to every ringer, and one of them has often been a bone of contention. The attendance of ringers at church after ringing for service is a subject which, to some extent, ringers get rather tired of hearing about, for, whenever the opportunity occurs, it is the unfailing theme of the clergy. There are many degrees of opinion among the ringers themselves, and most of the arguments are by this time worn threadbare. There is, however, a broad view which may very well be put forward without going to either extreme. Those who take up the art of ringing in these days are, or ought to be, churchmen from conviction. As churchmen they have a desire, and they also recognise that they have a duty to join in the services of worship in their church. Let ringers honestly discharge the dictates of conscience as churchmen and no one, we think, can find fault with them.

The other matter which the M.C.A. discussed was a very practical one, and that was the advisability of placing a 'Ringing Master' in charge of the tower on the occasion of a meeting, to obviate that very unfortunate practice, which some conductors are prone to when they find themselves in charge of a band, of long touches to the exclusion of other ringers. Nothing is more thoughtless than for a ringer to keep the bells going for a long length while others are waiting for a turn at the ropes. If no one is officially in charge of the ringing on the occasion of general gatherings of ringers, the selfish conductor gets his chance—and generally avails himself of it. A 'Ringing Master,' if only appointed for the meeting, could easily regulate the

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matter, for his word would be law. The adoption of this method works admirably in many Associations, several of whom have their permanent District Masters, and the M.C.A. will probably find this a useful office to create in perfecting their already very excellent machinery.

### TEN BELL PEALS.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 3, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 21½ cwt.

ALBERT W. COLES ... .. Treble	CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 6
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 2	*GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 7
JOHN J. PRATT ... .. 3	WILLIAM PYE ... .. 8
CORNELIUS CHARGE ... .. 4	*HENRY H. HANDLER ... 9
WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... .. 5	REUBEN SANDERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE.  
Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

\* First peal of Treble Ten. This composition is now rung for the first time.

CULLOMPTON, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(St. Sidwell's, Exeter, Branch.)

On Saturday, July 3, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;**

Tenor 19 cwt.

EDWIN SHEPHERD ... .. Treble	WILLIAM RICHARDSON ... 6
WILLIAM DRAKE ... .. 2	EDMUND SARGENT ... .. 7
ALFRED MOULSLEY ... .. 3	FRANK MURPHY ... .. 8
CHARLES CARTER ... .. 4	JAMES MOSS ... .. 9
THOMAS BARTLETT ... .. 5	*ARTHUR COAD ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. SHIPWAY.  
Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells. The 'go' is excellent, and great credit is due to Messrs. Taylor and Co. upon the successful restoration of this ring of bells.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 19, 1920, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 51528 CHANGES;**

Tenor 22 cwt.

FRANK KIRK ... .. Treble	GEORGE LINES ... .. 5
FRED STUBBS ... .. 2	EDMUND J. HOBBS ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. GILBERT ... .. 3	CHARLES WM. CLARKE ... 7
HENRY W. GAYTON ... .. 4	HORACE H. SMITH ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.  
Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 28, 1920, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt.

THOMAS R. PERCIVAL ... Treble	WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 5
RICHARD A. GOFTON ... .. 2	JOSEPH A. GOFTON ... .. 6
THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. 3	*STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... 7
JAMES E. GOFTON ... .. 4	R. ALDER GOFTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

\* First peal in the method. Mr. Wm. J. Nevard, for whom the peal was arranged, hails from Great Bentley, Essex, and was on a visit to the Royal Show, Darlington

### HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX. THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 23, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY.

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 14 cwt.	
JOHN T. RICKMAN ... ..	Treble	JESSE PEPLETT ... ..	5
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT ... ..	2	ALFRED J. TURNER ... ..	6
ERNEST GOWER ... ..	3	KEITH HART ... ..	7
WILLIAM WATTS, SEN. ... ..	4	WILLIAM STENNING ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

### GUILDFORD, SURREY. THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 29, 1920, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lbs. in D.	
HARRY BURDOCK ... ..	Treble	MAURICE SMITHER ... ..	5
ERNEST WEATHERLY ... ..	2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... ..	6
HENRY HUTTON ... ..	3	ALFRED H. PULLING ... ..	7
SGT. G. GILBERT, R.E. ... ..	4	GEORGE W. STEERE ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung in honour of the Bishop of Winchester's golden wedding.

### SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Thursday, July 1, 1920, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, RAMMOOR.

#### A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES; Tenor 15 cwt.

W. BURGAR (Rammoor) ... ..	Treble	late 12th York and Lancaster Regt. ... ..	4
J. OSGUTHORPE (Rammoor) ... ..	2	J. EVINSON (Rammoor) ... ..	5
J. E. L. COCKEY (Rammoor), late 12th York and Lancaster Regt. ... ..	3	FRANCIS WARD (Cathedral) ... ..	6
HADYN THORPE (Cathedral) ... ..	4	SAM THOMAS (Cathedral) ... ..	7
		CHARLES HAYNES (Rammoor) ... ..	Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

Rung with half-muffled clappers on the 4th anniversary of the opening of the Battle of the Somme and during a Memorial Service held in Sheffield Cathedral, as a tribute to the hallowed memory of all who made the supreme sacrifice that day, and in particular to that of the Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and Men of the Sheffield City Battalion (12th York and Lancaster Regiment) who on this day, four years ago, in the van of the British Armies, fell in a gallant attack on the village of Serre; the Battalion strength being reduced from approximately 650 to 10 unwounded of all ranks. This is the first anniversary on which it has been possible to arrange a muffled peal, the Church of Rammoor being selected, as it was here that the first Battalion Church Parades from camp were held in December, 1914, and here many of those who served worshipped in civil life.

### NORTHAMPTON. THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 1, 1920, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND.

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.		Tenor 18 cwt.	
BERTIE O. SODEN ... ..	Treble	JOHN MACKAY ... ..	5
JOHN T. HENSMAN ... ..	2	ALFRED J. MAWBY ... ..	6
FRED HOPPER ... ..	3	J. WILFRED SHARP ... ..	7
WILLIAM R. PARKER ... ..	4	ALFRED MONK ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by J. WILFRED SHARP.

First peal in the method as conductor.

**EAST GRINSTEAD.**—Sussex County Association.—On Sunday, June 20th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: W. Mills (first quarter) 1, G. Tizzard 2, G. Hewett 3, G. Coomber 4, N. E. Hope 5, T. Tullett 6, J. Wren (conductor) 7, S. Chesson 8. Also on Sunday, July 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.: T. Baker (first quarter and first attempt) 1, G. Tizzard 2, N. E. Hope 3, G. Coomber 4, T. Tullett 5, G. Edward (conductor) 6, A. Haggett 7, S. Chesson 8.

### BRIGHTON, SUSSEX. THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 3, 1920, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

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

Tenor 25½ cwt.	
JOHN T. RICKMAN ... ..	Treble
JOHN W. GOLDING ... ..	2
ARTHUR H. WHITE ... ..	3
CHARLES PALMER ... ..	4
JOHN CAPP ... ..	5
RICHARD STREDWICK ... ..	6
ALBERT D. STONE ... ..	7
KEITH HART ... ..	Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by KEITH HART.

### DULVERTON. THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 3, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

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

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.		Tenor 15 cwt.	
WILLIAM CHAPMAN ... ..	Treble	ALBERT TOUT ... ..	5
CHARLES PARKHOUSE ... ..	2	HENRY NORMAN ... ..	6
ROBERT SCOTT ... ..	3	JAMES HUNT ... ..	7
HENRY HOLLOWAY ... ..	4	ARCHIBALD ANDREWS ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by J. HUNT.

Ringers of 1, 3, 5, 6 and 8 hail from Milverton, 7th from Taunton, 2nd and 4th are local men.

### ROCK, WORCESTERSHIRE. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. (NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 3, 1920, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

#### A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

WILLIAM SHORT ... ..	Treble	JOHN WITHNERS ... ..	5
JOHN BASS ... ..	2	ALFRED DAVIES ... ..	6
THOMAS J. SALTER ... ..	3	SAMUEL GROVE ... ..	7
JOHN SMITH ... ..	4	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... ..	Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

### STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 3, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

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

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.		Tenor 14 cwt.	
HARRY BROUGHTON ... ..	Treble	ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... ..	5
THOS. W. CHAPMAN ... ..	2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... ..	6
HENRY BRIGGS ... ..	3	ALFRED MARTIN ... ..	7
HAROLD J. POOLE ... ..	4	THOMAS TAYLOR ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

\* First peal. † Elected a member prior to starting.

### BIRCHINGTON, KENT. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 4, 1920, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEEN PARK.

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;

† GEORGE WILLSHIRE ... ..	Treble	* ALBERT E. JARMAN ... ..	5
† RICHARD E. WILSON ... ..	2	* WILLIAM J. JARMAN ... ..	6
HENRY T. WILSON ... ..	3	GEORGE E. WILSON ... ..	7
WILLIAM DUDLEY ... ..	4	WILLIAM H. JUDD ... ..	Tenor

Composed by C. W. CLARKE. Conducted by H. T. WILSON.

\* First peal. † First peal of Major.

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**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

WOODFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 26, 1920, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN R. MAIN ... .. Treble	GEORGE BASFORD ... .. 4
JAMES M. NICKERSON ... .. 2	ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. GILBERT ... .. 3	REGINALD C. LOVEDAY ... Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD C. LOVEDAY.

Rung as a birthday peal to W. J. Gilbert and R. C. Loveday.

HARROLD, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 26, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

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

HUBERT ROBINSON ... .. Treble	MISS EVELYN STEEL ... .. 4
EDMUND J. HOBBS ... .. 2	HENRY W. GAYTON ... .. 5
HORACE H. SMITH ... .. 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

First peal as conductor in seven methods.

WHITWELL AND HACKFORD, REEPHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 26, 1920, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Being seven 720's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

MAT. TIMBERS ... .. Treble	JAMES WASEY ... .. 4
ALBERT NEALE ... .. 2	WALTER FORD ... .. 5
WALTER E. MEDLER ... .. 3	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. DUNCAN.

LITTLE COMBERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION  
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 26, 1920, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

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

Being 4 six-scores each of Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure,  
16 of St. Dunstan's and 18 of Grandsire.

*RALPH HARRISS ... .. Treble	*EDWARD MOORE ... .. 4
CHARLES HOLFORD ... .. 2	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 5
HUBERT SALISBURY ... .. 3	*FREDERICK ROLLS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. SALISBURY.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Capt. Lowndes, son of the Rector of Little Comberton, the band wishing him long life and happiness. \* First peal.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, June 27, 1920, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Being seven 720's in nine methods, as follows; 1, Ipswich and Cambridge; 2, Cunecastre and London; 3, York; 4, Wells; 5, Durham; 6, Surfleet; 7, Beverley. Tenor 13 cwt.

HARRY WAND ... .. Treble	JAMES OSBORN ... .. 4
*JOHN W. LAKE ... .. 2	ALBERT S. ALLEN ... .. 5
THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... 3	ARTHUR I. HOLMES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

\* 70th peal. This is the first time that seven 720's have ever been rung in nine Surprise methods.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 27, 1920, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Being 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob, and two 720's of Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

GEORGE FULLER ... .. Treble	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ... 4
ANDREW MARSHALL ... .. 2	JAMES WAGHORN ... .. 5
*ARTHUR SMITH ... .. 3	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED J. LAMBERT, Senr.

\* First peal inside. Rung to commemorate the anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Peace, and as a birthday compliment to F. J. Lambert.

MARKET DEBBING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, July 1, 1920, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GUTHLAG,

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

ELSIE BRANDON ... .. Treble	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 4
KATHLEEN A. JUTSON ... .. 2	JOHN J. JUTSON ... .. 5
WILLIAM WALDRON ... .. 3	*HORACE M. DAY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.

\* First peal of Minor, and first peal as conductor.

PAVENHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 3, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being 21 six-scores each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

CHARLES COCKINGS ... .. Treble	HERBERT ROBINSON ... .. 3
HENRY W. GAYTON ... .. 2	WILLIAM STOCK ... .. 4
HENRY STAPLETON ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by H. W. GAYTON.

This was the first peal on the bells.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

LONG BENNINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sunday, June 20, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,  
AT THE VILLAGE BLACKSMITH'S SHOP,

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

MISS K. A. JUTSON ... .. 1-2	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 5-6
F/Sgt. F. A. HOLDEN, R.A.F. 3-4	JOHN H. WOOD ... .. 7-8

Composed and Conducted by FRED. A. HOLDEN.

Umpire- ARTHUR MACKEARS. Witness- Mrs. A. MACKEARS.

TEDDINGTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 27, 1920, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,  
AT 16, COLESHILL ROAD,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Cup bells, Tenor C.

GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 1-2	WALTER AYRE ... .. 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 3-4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witnesses: Mrs. HOOD, Mrs. DOBBIE and Mrs. POLLING.

LEEDS, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 29, 1920, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT 90, BLACKMAN LANE, LEEDS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;**

JAMES R. KEMP ... .. 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON ... .. 3-4	JOHN AMBLER ... .. 7-8

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

Attested by GEORGE A. JOWETT.

First handbell peal of Treble Bob by all except the conductor.  
First handbell peal of Treble Bob Major as conductor.



**METHOD 'SPLICING.'***To the Editor.*

Sir,—Your remarks in the leading article of July 2nd make me think that it is high time that Seaford Alliance was put in print, so I am writing to ask you to make room for it. It is the composition of C. W. Woolley, and he first brought it to my notice before he turned twelve years old. To obtain a seven hundred it must be spliced with Little Bob. The rule is simple. The methods must be changed every time a single is called. All seven hundreds of Bob Minor go true. I may mention that Woolley has produced a vast number of those Alliance methods.

May I also call the attention of our six-bell friends to the 720's which do not come round? They afford possibilities of new combinations for peal ringing. In the annexed figures you ring 720 true change of Cambridge and start your next 720 from 34256. If you ring three such 720's to start your peal, the fourth 720 will start from rounds as usual.

Yours truly,

E. BANKES JAMES.

Dear Sir,—Now the splicing of methods seem rather fashionable, may I be allowed to point out that some years ago, I published a system whereby Bob Major and Albion Treble Bob can be switched together, not only in lead heads or ends, but in every section of the treble?

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21436587	21435687
	21436578
24163857	21436587

24163857

I remember being severely criticised at the time, and one gentleman went so far as to threaten bringing it before the C.C. for official condemnation.—Yours faithfully,

F. DENCH.

123456  
214365  
241356  
423165  
432615  
346251  
364215  
632415  
623541  
265314  
256341  
523614  
532164  
351246  
315264  
132546  
135264

23456

42356 5  
25634 1  
62534 5  
56234 5  
42563 2  
54263 5  
25463 5  
34256 2

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
**THE INCREASED SUBSCRIPTIONS.**

The June meeting of the above was held at Lightcliffe, when about 40 members and friends attended, representing 15 towers. The bells, a peal of eight, with tenor 20 cwt., were rung during the afternoon and evening in short touches of Kent, Stedman and Double Norwich. Tea was partaken of in the Schools, and followed by the usual business meeting. Mr. P. J. Johnson was in the chair, supported by the Rev. H. L. Taylor (Vicar of Lightcliffe). Letters of apology for absence were read from the Rev. C. O. Marshall and Mr. G. Bolland.

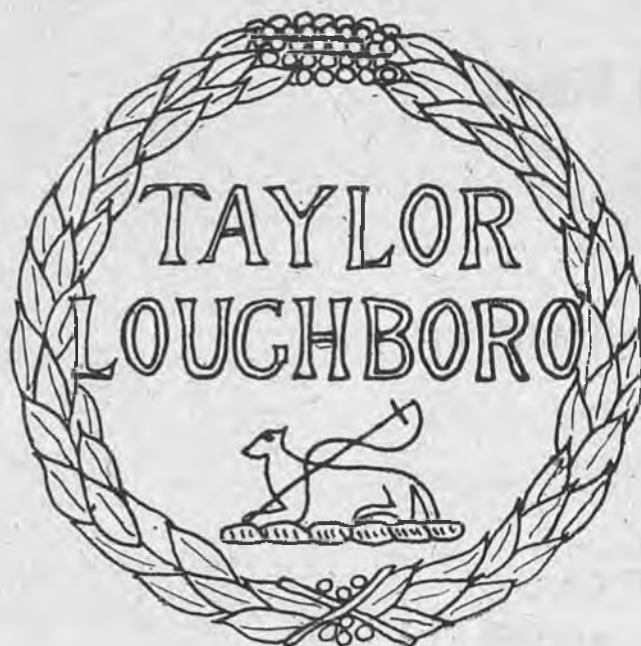
The place for the September meeting was brought forward; the Chairman said Mr. Bolland, on behalf of the Tong company, had expressed a desire that the September meeting should be a combined one of the whole of the Association, and invited the members to Tong on Saturday, Sept. 11th.—This was put to the meeting, and unanimously passed.

The Chairman then made a few remarks upon the increased subscriptions. He mentioned the fact that they come into operation at once, and those that had paid this year's contributions would now have to pay another 6d., while life members joining in 1886 and after must now pay the same as current members.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells and schools, and the Vicar, in replying, said it was a great pleasure to meet the members at Lightcliffe, and was sorry the bells did not give the satisfaction they should, and hoped the members would have very pleasant memories of their visit to Lightcliffe. The vote of thanks to the local company and ladies who prepared the tea was responded to by Mr. J. Lawson.—The tower was again visited, and further ringing brought the meeting to a close.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**

A most successful and enjoyable monthly meeting of the Warwick Guild was held at Berkswell on June 19th, members and friends to the number of 36 being present from Allesley, Berkswell, Coventry, Embsay, Erdington, Knowle, Nuneaton, Solihull, Sutton Coldfield, and Warwick. Doubles and various Minor methods were rung, and a short service was held in the church, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Canon Back (president of the Guild). The members were afterwards entertained to tea by Canon and Mrs. Back, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to them, on the motion of the Ringing Master (Mr. A. Roberts) for their kind hospitality, to which both Canon Back and Mrs. Back replied expressing the pleasure it gave them to welcome the members to Berkswell. The tower was again visited in the evening.



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## ENCOURAGING SIX-BELL RINGERS.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—Owing to the great bereavement that has just befallen me in the death of my dear wife, I hardly feel in the humour or mood to enter into any controversy; but I cannot let Mr. Dexter's letter pass without comment, for there are many statements therein wholly unjustifiable. My previous letter simply stated facts in relation to the six-bell towers, as I find them in this district, and mentioned no individual or society's name.

Mr. Dexter must remember St. Martin's is not the only society in Leicester, and I should, therefore, like to know who authorised him to answer for all the city! He says that for every eight and 10-bell peal I rang with his society a first-class ringer stood out. This is a deliberate lie, and he knows it. When we began practising the higher methods, I was one of the original band, and—as such—asked to take part in their peals. This band was not entirely St. Martin's Society, as they could not find sufficient at that time to make up either for practice or peals. Every peal Mr. Dexter quotes was made up by the combined companies of St. Martin's, St. Margaret's, St. George's, and others outside the city.

As for the chances, Mr. Dexter gives to others outside his own society—since he mentions it—let him say how many companies have been allowed the use of St. Martin's bells since he got into the snaffle. How many conductors have called peals there? The answer to both questions is not one. Mr. Dexter should be a good judge of 'self glorification,' for his whole letter teems with it in order to belittle me, who did nothing but assist when asked. If there is any glorification I feel due to me, it is the knowledge that my record shows '39 first pealers,' and as near as I can ascertain '62 first in the method,' which I have personally conducted. These figures compare very favourably with his society's, which he frankly admits I figure prominently in.

Mr. Dexter says his society should be grateful for the 'help' I gave, but that they are not. I need none of their gratitude, it means nothing to me. I should, however, like to hear the views of the other members of that society on the subject—not the present company, augmented recently by ringers from elsewhere—but the original band who first practised together and referred to above. Mr. Dexter finally states that his letter was written to correct an impression that the eight and 10 bell societies of Leicester owe their successes to me. This is absolute piffle and senseless. Their reputation was made (as history shows) long before either he or I were thought of.

Knowing my present bereavement, almost any other ringers would have either communicated with me direct, or better still, have seen me personally, if they thought they had a grievance, instead of attacking me in this unmanly fashion. Such is the fellowship of association.

I still, however, maintain that the six-bell towers are sadly neglected around Leicester—the same as in other districts, from whom I have received several letters supporting my views, and it is up to the towers with higher numbers (backed up by the associations) to give them help and encouragement.—Yours sincerely,

24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

ERNEST MORRIS.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### ASHFORD DISTRICT CELEBRATES PEACE ANNIVERSARY.

A very cordial invitation having been extended to the members of the Ashford District by the Vicar (the Rev. S. K. Lockyear) to visit Brabourne on July 3rd to commemorate the anniversary of the signing of peace, about 40 members accepted; and, needless to say, spent a most enjoyable time. Touches of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob Minor and Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung during the afternoon, and a special service was held in the church.—The Vicar officiated, and a very instructive address was given by the Rev. Carus-Wilson, curate of Aldington, on good fellowship and brotherhood. Mr. W. E. Pitman, Mus.Bac., presided at the organ, and a collection was made on behalf of the local tower restoration fund.

The Vicar entertained the visitors to a bountiful tea in the Vicarage grounds, and with Mrs. Lockyear and a band of willing helpers, including the local ringers' wives, waited upon the company.

The Vicar was heartily thanked for his kind invitation and generous hospitality, and in reply expressed a wish that this should be made an annual occurrence, at least as long as he was at Brabourne to keep in memory the signing of peace.

And who could find a more congenial spot than Brabourne? It looks like peace itself nestling among the hills!

## LOWESTOFT'S NEW BELLS.

The dedication of the new ring of eight bells, tenor 13½ cwt.s., which Messrs. Taylor and Co. are erecting in the tower of St. Margaret's Parish Church, Lowestoft, is fixed to take place on Tuesday next, the 20th July.

## ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

### DO ENGLISHMEN TAKE THEIR PLEASURES SADLY?

It was very wet on Saturday, July 3rd, when the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham held its summer meeting at Perry Barr. Nevertheless more than fifty members braved the elements, and an exceedingly enjoyable meeting resulted.

Perry Barr (in Domesday 'Pireo') lies about three miles north of the City, on the River Tame, and is fortunate in having retained its agricultural character almost unspoiled. Hereabouts the Tame forms the City boundary, and the church itself and the old cottages comprising what is called 'Perry Village' are just outside the boundary.

The Church of St. John is a building in the Gothic style, and its low western tower contains a ring of eight, tenor 13 cwt., in F sharp, by Taylor, put in in 1868 to the memory of the 4th Lord Caliborce. It is quite a little country church, lighted to this day by oil lamps, so that it is difficult to imagine one is so close to 'the workshop of the world.' The Guild's Form of Service was held at 4.15, the Vicar (the Rev. Cecil H. Watts Read, M.A.), giving an excellent and most appropriate address, taking his text from Numbers x. During the reverend gentleman's discourse the 'country' effect was heightened by the music of a mowing machine operating in a hayfield a stone's-throw away.

Ten was held in the old village Schoolroom, and was very kindly provided by the local members, who have an enthusiastic leader, in the person of Mr. George Mitcheson. This gentleman was indefatigable in his efforts to make everyone comfortable, and with a willing band of helpers he easily succeeded.

Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., presided at the business meeting following, at which seven new members were elected, including four of the local band viz.: Messrs. Maurice Watts Read (son of the Vicar) Eric Weston, R. C. Ingram and F. W. Richworth. The Vicar was elected an hon. member. At the conclusion of the business, the Chairman proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the Rev. Watts Read for the use of his bells, for his inspiring address, and for his presence at the meeting; to the organist and members of the choir for their welcome assistance in the musical portions of the service; and to Mr. Geo. Mitcheson and his band for their kindness in providing an excellent tea and making the necessary arrangements.

In acknowledging the vote of thanks, the Vicar said he felt honoured by being elected a member of the Guild, and although he was not a ringer himself he had given two of his sons to the cause, one of whom was a member of the local band. He would be delighted to have them at Perry Barr, when their turn again came round.

The Secretary then said that the Guild had received a handsome gift from their good friend, Mr. Albert A. Hughes, of London, 'as a token of his appreciation of the Guild and its work, and of its ever cordial welcome to visitors.' The gift took the form of a peal of 12 handbells in B flat, and the tenor had been suitably inscribed since their receipt. Loud cheers greeted this announcement, and a vote of thanks was enthusiastically passed to the generous donor. More will be heard of them anon.

Afterwards the Guild was requested to 'open' a new peal of 12 handbells acquired by the local band, and this was done by the following members ringing a touch (three courses) of Stedman Cinques: A. Paddon Smith 1-2, A. Walker 3-4, J. E. Groves (conductor) 5-6, T. Rissam 7-8, J. F. Smallwood 9-10, Morris J. Morris 11-12. The bells are a beautiful lot, tenor size 17 in A, and reflect great credit on their makers, Messrs. Barwell, and on Mr. T. Miller in particular. The latter then called 305 of Grandsire Caters rung by P. O. Laffin 1-2, W. Kent 3-4, J. F. Smallwood 5-6, T. Miller 7-8, A. Norman 9-10.

This was followed by the star turn of the evening, when the little son of Mr. Laffin, Percy O., junr., rang 5-8 to a course of Bob Minor. This boy is only 7 years of age, quite an infant prodigy! We gather that this young gentleman is also taking an interest in tapping, and we would advise the dulcimer experts to look to their laurels, lest 'a little child shall lead them'!

Later on, in 'another place,' a room having been reserved, the handbells were again requisitioned, and touches of Stedman Cinques, Triples and Caters, and selections of tunes were performed.

At times the place was not as quiet as it might have been, with the result that the several conductors had on occasions to raise their voices somewhat. This brought up Mr. Tom Miller with one of his characteristic remarks, uttered in his own inimitable style, and in his own—his very own—descriptive vernacular. He was on one occasion ringing in a twelve-bell tower, and they had been ringing rounds for several minutes, when the conductor, who was next to him, 'discomposed' him entirely by bawling out, 'Gow, Stedman Cinques, Bawb. in such style, said Mr. Miller, that it was just like 'bosting a tea-penny ball'!

After this the company was not at all disposed to be serious, anecdotes of ringing and old ringers filling in the remainder of the evening.

And we were not very sad either: in fact, the answer to the question of the beginning of this article is a decided negative. A. P. S.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

### QUARTERLY MEETING AT LOUGHBOROUGH.

Ever since the Association made the town of bell-founding fame a district of its own, it has been the most popular of meeting-places. The first year of the war saw the M.C.A. in low water, and at the Loughborough meeting of 1914—the last previous gathering—many thought the golden days of ringers' reunions were over. But we were mistaken. Loughborough has risen again like a phoenix. When the rumour went round that Messrs. Taylor, with their accustomed generosity, were giving open house to all, it was not a case of 'Who's going to Loughboro?' but the reverse. Tell it not in Gath or Leicester, publish it not in the streets of Beeston—or Nottingham! There's no need, but nearly 50 per cent. of the members made a raid on Loughborough in the small hours of Saturday afternoon, July 3rd, and created a record—for a M.C.A. meeting. Like an army of invaders, they came from all parts, from Manchester on the north side to Cambridge on the south. Thunder and lightning did not stop them. Pooh! What mattered storm and tempest when a visit to the bell foundry, where Harry Withers, of Birmingham, 'thumped the box of dominos,' a ring on a glorious peal of ten bells, and (softly) a free meat tea awaited! True it 'put the wind up' the caterer, but he bravely stood his ground, and—although the Victoria Cross may have been awarded for lesser deeds—he had the satisfaction of seeing—and hearing—236 sets of teeth in thorough working order. The Rector of Loughborough was away from home, but the curate of St. John's (the Rev. C. Elliott) supported the president (Ald. R. B. Chambers), as did the churchwardens also the Rev. S. Rhys Williams, of Stanford. Messrs. E. Denison and Mr. Pryce Taylor while Mrs. R. B. Chambers crooned the festive hymn beside her estranged husband. The business meeting immediately followed. The chairman gave a resume of the quarter's work, and spoke of the great revival of ringing. Though not a practical ringer he was a practical worker, and his work lay in making happy members for the Association. In this connection it may be said that owing to the activity of the president the M.C.A. has reached what is up to the present a high-water mark with its finances.

Thirty-nine honorary and 33 ringing members were elected, on the proposition of Mr. J. Swinfield, seconded by Mr. A. Ballard.

A discussion arose regarding the ringing of long touches on meeting days, to the restriction of opportunities of others who wished to ring and were not thereby afforded a chance to do so.—Mr. W. E. White suggested that someone should be put in charge of the belfry to see that all had their opportunity.—This was seconded and carried. In passant, it may be easier said than done. Where a change ringer is steeple keeper, there is usually equality of opportunity, and it would be unwise and difficult to override his authority, but a practical change ringer ought to be at all times the Ringing Master. Probably the airing of the grievance will solve it.

Mr. Joseph Griffin, many years secretary to the Association in its early days, moved a hearty vote of thanks to Messrs. Taylor for their generosity in providing the tea.—Mr. Wm. Willson, hon. treasurer, seconded, saying some in the room would look backwards to when 'Old Mr. John Taylor' was at the head, then to young Mr. John—afterwards president, and now to Mr. Denison Taylor. Faces passed away with years, but their hospitality did not pass away (applause). As it was in the beginning of the M.C.A., is now, and as long as the centre of attraction—the bell foundry—remained, Loughborough would hold the foremost place in their thoughts.—This motion was carried with acclamation, after Mrs. Chambers had added a charming tribute to Messrs. Taylor, instancing a certain episode in which she was interested.—Mr. Denison Taylor feelingly responded.

The Chairman moved a vote of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells, and for their presence, seconded by Mr. H. E. Norman.—In his reply, the Rev. Rhys Williams (Stanford) said he sometimes thought that the ringers were hardly consistent in calling others to church. In a racy and humorous speech, he said he had noticed with one eye sometimes, the ringers sink out of church instead of practising what they preached, i.e., calling folk to worship. He said he knew ringers couldn't always be in church, but the force of example was badly needed to-day; therefore, play the game, stand by the church, as well as the church bells, and he as Rector would always welcome them.—Mr. W. E. White said he thought there was good reason why some ringers did not stop to church. They had 'to cool down,' and when they got down to church they found all the best seats filled.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman and to Mrs. Chambers was moved by Mr. W. Willson, seconded by Mr. H. E. Norman, and carried unanimously, after which the bells of the Parish Church (10), the Foundry tower (8) and Stanford (8) were again called into action until a late hour. Some patronised the busy market-place, some 'a place within the meaning of the Act,' where they rang the long peal over again between the intervals of the liquid nourishment, but all agreed that 'Loughborough will take some beating.' And so say all of us.

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### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. THE ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT MEMORIAL.

A very representative gathering of members and lady friends assembled at Lichfield on June 26th on the occasion of the annual meeting of the above society. The bells of the three towers were made full use of during the afternoon and evening. A good muster attended evensong in the Cathedral, after which tea was partaken of at Lloyd's Restaurant, 120 sitting down. Then followed the general meeting. Mr. J. Bradney was unanimously voted to the chair, and expeditiously discharged the duties entrusted to him.

The report and balance sheet were read and passed and ordered to be printed. The accounts showed a very fair balance on the right side, partly due to the fact that no report was printed last year. The officers were re-elected en bloc, with the exception of the appointment of Mr. A. E. Law as auditor, in the place of Mr. B. Gough, retired. The Central Council representatives were also re-elected.

The question of raising the annual subscription from 1s. to 1s. 6d. met with little or no opposition, and was accordingly agreed to.

A suggestion was made that members on ringing a peal should pay 6d. per head as a booking fee. Some discussion took place, and when put to the vote the motion was lost.

The following places were chosen for the coming meeting: Tamworth (September), Willenhall (January), Sedgley (April), and the annual (June) at Lichfield.

It was thought advisable that the war memorial—in the form of printed cards suitable for framing with a list of members who gave their lives, together with the names of their comrades who were fortunate enough to return—should not be dealt with at the present time on account of the high cost of printing.

A statement was made regarding the Rowland Cartwright Memorial Fund. The following is a list of subscribers to date: Wombourne Band, £3 6d.; St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, £2; St. Luke's, Wolverhampton, £1 10s. 6d.; St. Giles' Willenhall, £1 4s.; St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, £1 1s.; Mr. Wm. Cheshire, £1 1s.; Mr. W. Barnsley, £1; Mr. Harry Mason, 10s. 6d.; Mr. J. S. Pritchett, 10s.; Mr. W. R. Small, 10s.; Mr. and Mrs. B. Gough, 10s.; Mr. J. H. Shepherd, 10s.; Penkridge Band, 10s.; Penn Band, 10s.; Mr. B. Fullwood, 7s. 6d.; Wood Green Band, 7s. 6d.; Mr. W. H. Godden, 5s.; Mr. E. Weatherby, 5s.; Mr. T. J. Elton, 5s.; Bushbury Band, 3s.; Mr. John Perry, 2s. 6d.; Mr. W. Bennett, 2s. 6d.; Mr. W. H. Fussell, 2s. 6d.; Mr. J. E. Groves, 2s. 6d.; Mr. A. Walker, 2s. 6d.; Mr. J. George, 2s. 6d.; Mr. W. A. Cooper, 2s. 6d.; Cannock Ringers, 2s. 6d.; Mr. F. W. Perrons, 2s.; Mr. W. Bayliss, 2s.; Messrs. Charles Carr, Ltd., £1 1s.; Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, £1; Messrs. Barwell's, Ltd., 10s. 6d.; Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, 10s. 6d.; Messrs. Taylor and Co., 10s.; total, £20 19s. 8d.

### WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. QUARTERLY MEETING AT HAGLEY.

Under perfect weather conditions the meeting of the Worcestershire Association was held at Hagley, over 70 members being present. Hagley Church stands in the historic grounds of Hagley Hall, the residence of Lord Cobham, and adjoining the church are the cricket grounds, on which many a great match has been played with the famous Lyttleton family, and on this occasion cricket was again in progress while the bells were ringing. Young members of the association had their fill of Grandshire Triples and Stedman Triples, Kent and Double Norwich Major followed. The Rector (the Rev. L. Westmacott) conducted service, and Mr. Mason, of Old Hill kindly presided at the organ. The Rector welcomed the association to Hagley, and said how much he appreciated the work of the ringers.

At the business meeting which followed a very welcome tea, the Rector took the chair. Charlesley Corbett was selected for the next quarterly meeting, and 19 new members were elected, including the Crayley company.—The quarterly peal is to be attempted at Hagley, conducted by Mr. W. H. Webb (the Branch Master).

As usual, a hearty vote of thanks was given to the Rector for his address at the service and presiding at the meeting, and also to the ladies for making the gathering such a success by providing an excellent repast.

The Secretary intimated that at the next quarterly meeting of the branch the election of branch officers would take place. He notified them that, owing to business reasons, he would ask them to appoint another man to take his place.

A further visit to the tower was made, and many touches, including a well-struck touch of Bristol Surprise, were rung.

### MEMORIAL TO THE LATE REV. H. A. COCKEY.

A dedication service will be held at St. Anne's Church, Oldland Common, near Bristol, on Saturday, August 14th, 1920. Service, which will commence at 4 p.m., will be taken by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies. Tea in School Hall, at 5 p.m., 1s. per head. Tickets for tea can be obtained from any of the Branch Secretaries of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, or direct from Edgar Guise, 39, Tankards Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol. Will all those who knew the Rev. H. A. Cockey make a special effort to attend?

### NOTICES.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, July 17th. The bells at St. Giles' will be available from 2 p.m.; St. Lawrence from 4.15 to 4.45. Service at St. Giles' at 5, followed by tea at 5.45. Business meeting afterwards. All ringers invited. Subscriptions for 1920 are now due.—E. K. Parker, Hon. Secretary, 97, Edenbridge Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield.

**SALOP GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting at Church Stretton to-morrow, Saturday, July 17th. Train leaves Shrewsbury at 2.20. Ringing 3 o'clock; meeting 4.45; tea at Stretton Cafe 5.30.—Rev. F. Tennison, Hon. Sec., St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

**HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Gt. Wymondley on Saturday, July 17th. Service in Church at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. The bells of St. Ippolyts also available.—F. R. Bacon, Hon. Sec., West Hill, Hitchin.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—An opening meeting at North Mymms will be held on Saturday, July 17th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Any ringer coming by bus can get off at South Mymms and walk through the woods. Tea arrangements will be made. All ringers and friends welcome.—Wm. Nash, North Mymms, Hatfield, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 17th, at St. Margaret's Lee, S.E. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. at Kingswood Hall, followed by business meeting.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W. 19.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Heathfield on Saturday, July 17th. Tower open from 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30 at the Star Inn. Half railway fares (maximum 2/-).—George W. Stokes, Div. Hon. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Nuneaton on Saturday, July 17th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Committee meeting 4. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock can be arranged at 2s. 3d. per head. Business meeting after tea. Chilvers Coton bells will be available during the evening.—Joseph H. White, Hon. Secretary, 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this District will be held at East Peckham on Saturday, July 17th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea (by kind invitation of the Vicar) at the Vicarage at 5.45, followed by business meeting.—W. Latter, Hon. District Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Central District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Dorking on July 17th. Ringing at St. Martin's, Dorking, 3 p.m. to 9, and Ramore Common 2.30 to 4.30. Service at Dorking at 5. Tea and meeting to follow.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. District Secretary.

**CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wellingborough District.—The annual district meeting and election of officers will be held at Wollaston on Saturday, July 17th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—W. Perkins, 6, Addington Road, Irthlingborough.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Maldon on Saturday, July 17th. All Saints' and Mary's towers open afternoon and evening. Service at All Saints' 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30 at Saltmarsh's Tea Rooms, followed by business meeting.—P. Timson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting and a six-bell contest will be held at Sandal on Saturday, July 17th. The draw will take place at 3 p.m. prompt.—Willie Frith, Sec., 5, Sufton Street, Birkby, Huddersfield.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ledbury District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ledbury, Saturday, July 17th. Bells available (8) at 3.30. Tea provided (5.30) to all notifying me not later than July 13th. Business meeting afterwards.—Richard Thomas, Codrington, Ledbury, Hon. Secretary.

**CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Harlestone on July 17th. Bells ready at 3. Service 4.30. Tea at 5.—Sidney J. Lawrence, District Secretary, 7, Castilian Terrace, Northampton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, Warrington, on Saturday, July 17th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Secretary.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at Olveston on Saturday, July 17th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea will be arranged (5 o'clock). A conveyance leaves Old Market Street at 2 p.m., St. James, Barton, 2.15 p.m., via Stokes Croft, Horfield and Fitton for Olveston. Leave Olveston for Thornbury 6.30. Ringing at Thornbury 7 to 8 p.m. Return from Thornbury about 8.30. Fare 4s. 9d.—P. C. Williams, 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, July 17th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 6.—Walter Hughes, Hon. Secretary.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on July 20th, St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 22nd, and \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 27th; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards at headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual festival will be held at Reading on Saturday, July 24th (D.V.). Service at St. Lawrence's at 11.15 a.m. Business meeting in Abbey Hall immediately after service. Dinner in Small Town Hall at 1.30. Tickets 2s. 6d. each to members, 3s. non-members. Applications for tickets, with remittance, must be made to General Secretary. The arrangements for ringing will be notified later. The Secretary has a few copies of report for 1919 with Roll of Honour at 6d. per copy.—R. T. Hibbert, General Secretary, Warren House Lodge, Caversham.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery.—A quarterly meeting will be held at High Littleton (6 bells) on Saturday, July 24th. Timsbury bells (6) will be available. Service 4 p.m.; tea 4.45.—I. B. Holmyard, Hon. Sec., School House, Midsomer Norton.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—A by-meeting will be held at Great Horkesley on Saturday, July 24th. Bells at Wormingford (6, recently opened), and Little Horkesley (5) also available, early in afternoon. Tea, followed by meeting, at 5 o'clock. Those intending to be present kindly let me know by July 20th.—H. T. Pye, Hon. District Sec., 49, Wickham Road, Colchester.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—A meeting will be held at Rothwell on Saturday, July 24th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Business meeting at 7 in the White Swan.—Wm. Gage, Hon. Sec.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Wiveliscombe on Saturday, July 24th. Visitors welcome. Bells from 2 p.m. Service 4.45, tea to follow. Will those requiring tea let me know by Tuesday, July 20th?—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Barrow Gurney on Saturday, July 24th. Bells available 6 o'clock.—Percy Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—A monthly meeting of the above will be held at Eastwood on Saturday, July 24th. Ringing from 2.30 to 8 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. All wishing tea please notify Mr. J. P. Pollard, 14, Bishop Street, Eastwood, by July 22nd.—Thos. H. Kirkby, Hon. Sec.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly meeting at Blyth, near Rotherham, Saturday, July 24th. Bells available from 2 to 8.30. Tea provided at reasonable charge at Commercial Hotel at 5.15. Ringers from kindred Associations welcome.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec., 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

**EASTON NESTON CHURCH, TOWCESTER.**—The unveiling of the tablet in memory of the late James Clarke will take place in the above Church on Saturday, July 24th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Service at 4 o'clock, during which the unveiling will take place; tea and meeting to follow, when it is hoped the Towcester Association will be re-started.—F. Wilford, 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

**ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—Meeting will be held at Littleport (Cambs) on Saturday, July 31st. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. All who wish for tea please notify me by the 24th. All ringers welcome.—R. Lathbury, District Sec.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual summer outing of the Guildford District will be held at Ranmore, near Dorking, on August Bank Holiday. The beautiful bells of St. Barnabas will be available. By kind permission of Lord Ashcombe visitors will be conducted over the gardens of Denbies. Tea will be provided at 1s. 3d. each, at the Post Office at 4 p.m. No service. No business. No speeches.—J. J. Jones, Hon. Secretary.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Yorktown District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Yateley on Bank Holiday, August 2nd. Ringing will commence at Yorktown at 10, Hawley 11, Sandhurst 12.30, Finchampstead 1.30 and Yateley 3 o'clock. Service at 5, tea and meeting afterwards. Will all those intending to be present for tea kindly notify me not later than Thursday, July 29th? All ringers welcome.—G. Miles, Hon. Sec., Owlsmoor, Camberley.

**PONTEFRAC, YORKS.**—The ringing of the new peal of bells will take place on Bank Holiday, August

2nd. Bells available from 10 a.m. Tea provided. Will all who intend coming please notify A. Walker, 7, Southfield Avenue, to whom in future all communications should be sent.

**NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.**— Ipswich Branch.—A general meeting will be held at Woodbridge on Bank Holiday, August 2nd. By kind permission of the authorities, the bells at Woodbridge (8), Ufford (8), Hasketon (6) and Pettistree (6) will be open for the use of members throughout the day. Business meeting at St. Mary's House, Woodbridge, at 3 p.m.; committee meeting 2.30.—E. Evans, Hon. Branch Sec., 21, Springfield Lane, Ipswich.

**NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION**, for the Diocese of Norwich and Archdeaconry of Suffolk.—A general meeting will be held at Aylsham on Bank Holiday, August 2nd. The ring of 10 bells at Aylsham, and the ring of eight bells at Marsham will be available for the use of members. Dinner will be served at the Dog Hotel at 1.30, tickets 3/6 each, followed by the general business meeting. It is earnestly requested that all members intending to be present at the dinner will notify the same to the Secretary by Wednesday, July 28th.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**— Meetings for practice: St. Martin's first Monday in the month at 7.30 p.m.; second Saturday, St. Bride's, 5 p.m.; third Monday, Shoreditch, 7.30 p.m.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

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