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MULTI-METHOD PEALS.

The peal in thirty-five methods rung last week at Norbury, Cheshire, leads us once again to urge a much wider practice among six-bell ringers of ringing multi-method extents. We have emphasised the matter on more than one occasion, but we make no excuse for returning to it. The Norbury band, who are heartily to be congratulated on ringing a record number of methods in seven true seven hundred and twenties, stand in a unique position among six-bell ringers. They have reached the top of the ladder in that particular department of ringing, but they have done it only by patience and perseverance, coupled with enthusiasm and determination. It is difficult, and often dangerous, to make comparisons, but we venture to say that nothing finer in method ringing has ever been accomplished on tower bells. It may be there are some ringers who will disagree with us on this point, but they will be very few in number. But while the Norbury band seem to be far in advance of any other company in this special phase of Minor ringing, what they have achieved is equally open to others.

There are many accomplished six-bell bands up and down the country, and we would like to see a much more general application of method splicing in the peals they ring. We are sure they would find that it gives an added interest to their ringing, and it is certainly another step in raising the standard of performances on six bells. No one would expect a band to strike out at once into the splicing of thirty-five methods. The Norbury men have only reached that number by stages, but a small expansion of the repertoire of a six-bell company would quickly enable them to include multi-method extents in their peals. As Mr. Wheeldon aptly pointed out in his letter in our last issue, it does not follow that a Surprise Method is necessarily more difficult than others which are included in a different classification, and some of the methods included in spliced extents give a ringer all the mental exercise he desires. Surprise method companies, therefore, need not think that they are dropping to any lower standard, so far as methods are concerned, when they take up multi-method peal ringing. On the contrary, they will probably find it not only more interesting, but a good deal more difficult, than a peal in seven, or even fourteen, Surprise methods each starting from rounds. There is a big scope for enterprising ringers in this attractive field. Minor ringing is opening out upon a very large but little explored region, and there is a great opportunity for pioneers. For those who desire to make a start, the material is already provided, for the methods are to be found in the Central Council Collection, and 'spliced' compositions are available for the asking.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1923, in Four Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 40 cwt. in B.

JOHN HOLMAN Treble	*SIDNEY F. PALMER 7
GEORGE LEWIS 2	COLIN HARRISON 8
WILLIAM BURGAR 3	HAYDEN THORPE 9
TOM O'HARA 4	FRANK WARD 10
WILLIAM CHOWN 5	JOSEPH E. SYKES 11
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 6	JOHN THORPE Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN THORPE.

First peal of Bob Maximus in the county of Yorkshire and by the association, and first peal by all the band with the exception of the ringer of the 11th. Rung with half-muffled clappers, as a last tribute of sympathy and respect to the memory of the victims in the sad Nunnery Pit Disaster, who were interred on this day. * 200th peal.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 1, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS THE MARTYR,

LOWER THAMES STREET, CITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5030 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR J. NEALE Treble	JEFFERY R. GAMMON 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	WILLIAM BERRY 7
ERNEST J. KING 3	GEORGE A. CARD 8
T. WILFRED TAFFENDER 4	JAMES BULLOCK 9
WILLIAM H. WOOD 5	WILLIAM E. J. HEWSON Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

Rung to celebrate the 79th birthday of Queen Alexandra.

CARDIFF.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

SIDNEY DAWE Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY 6
WILLIAM B. BISS 2	ALBERT J. PITMAN 7
GEORGE LARGE 3	*ERNEST COOMBS 8
WILLIAM BOLTON 4	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 9
JOHN W. JONES 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by ERNEST COOMBS.

* First peal of Caters as conductor and the first attempt. Specially arranged as a birthday peal for the ringers of the 2nd and 5th, both of whom were born on the same day and in the same year.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WOOBURN, BUCKS.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5028 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

CECIL C. MAYNE Treble	*EDGAR C. RUSSELL 5
WILLIAM J. NORTON 2	JOHN C. TRUSS 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	RICHARD F. DEAL 7
JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 4	JAMES BULLOCK Tenor

Composed by T. DAY.

Conducted by JAMES BULLOCK.

* First peal in the method away from the treble. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for granting the use of the bells, also Mr. J. West, for having everything in readiness.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows', a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Dickinson 1, H. A. Barnett 2, W. J. Ellis 3, S. W. Crabb 4, H. W. H. Strickland 5, C. Button 6, H. Ellis 7, W. Patmore 8.

GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

RICHARD CONSTANT Treble	JOHN WHEADON 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	JOHN S. MORTON 6
WILLIAM HARPER 3	CLR.-SGT. JAMES BENNETT ... 7
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

Rung for the birthday of H.M. Queen Alexandra. It was in this parish that Her Majesty first landed on English soil. The peal was also a birthday compliment to Richard Constant. First peal of Major on these bells.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Saturday, December 1, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Luke,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

*CHARLES MOUNSEY Treble	*THOMAS J. PALFREYMAN ... 5
*ARTHUR MINCHER 2	*HAROLD SMITH 6
ALFRED BUTLER 3	ALFRED FALLON 7
THOMAS HUGHES 4	*ALBERT J. HUBBLE Tenor

Conducted by A. FALLON.

Rung to celebrate the 79th birthday of Queen Alexandra. * First peal.

SOUTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 1, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. John the Evangelist,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

HAROLD RUSHBY Treble	RALPH S. LONG 5
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS 2	CHARLES TAYLOR 6
WALTER T. WILSON 3	WALTER GODDARD 7
HERBERT MINGAY 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

SAMUEL WOOD Treble	*HAROLD EASTOE 5
RUPERT RICHARDSON 2	RALPH S. LONG 6
WALTER GODDARD 3	RICHARD OLIVER 7
WALTER T. WILSON 4	ARTHUR W. HOODLESS Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. W. HOODLESS.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal on eight as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Audrey Varah; also in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. W. Ayre.

GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR W. HOODLESS Treble	JOHN B. BODD 5
HERBERT MINGAY 2	WALTER GODDARD 6
WALTER T. WILSON 3	CHARLES KENNINGTON ... 7
STEPHEN BROMFIELD 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON Tenor

Composed by A. T. KING. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

GUILDFORD. — On Thursday evening, Sept. 20th, at St. Nicolas' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. Petter (first quarter-peal of Stedman with a working bell) 1, Mrs. Hazelden 2, W. Shepherd (conductor) 3, E. Raddon 4, G. Nichols (first quarter) 5, C. Hazelden 6, S. Radford 7, G. Tomsett 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Petter.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter-at-Arches,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE CHESTER Treble	TOM PYLE 5
*ROBERT CHESTER 2	ISAAC VICKERS 6
LOUIS SNELL 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN 7
JOHN WALDEN 4	HAROLD MARCON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

* First peal.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART.

*GEORGE ALLRED Treble	GEORGE PINCOTT 5
ERNEST COTSFORTH 2	PETER CROOK 6
†ROBERT ALLRED, JUN. ... 3	HERBERT ALLRED 7
JAMES BOLTON 4	ARTHUR BURTON Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

* First peal. † First with a working bell.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION. Tenor 23½ cwt.

HARRY MILES Treble	LEONARD TUFFREY 5
JOHN F. SHARP 2	WILLIAM JUDGE 6
FREDERICK WEBB 3	WALTER F. JUDGE 7
JACK JUDGE 4	CYRIL BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. William Judge.

SWINTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

DANIEL HOWARD Treble	JOHN BROCKBANK 5
†SYDNEY JAMES 2	†WILLIAM COLLIER 6
THOMAS HOWARD 3	WALTER HESKETH 7
DAVID CLARKE 4	*RICHARD POTTER Tenor

Composed by the Rev. C. D. P. DAVIES. Conducted by T. HOWARD.

This peal was rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John Brockbank on the 40th anniversary of their wedding, which took place at St. Peter's Church, Swinton, on Saturday, December 8th, 1883. This is the first peal rung by the local band at Swinton for a period of 25 years. * First peal. † First peal with an inside bell.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

*HERMANN COOPER Treble	JOHN T. BARTRAM 5
MISS CECIL HEPBURN 2	†CHARLES A. HEWITT 6
†HARRY MORGAN 3	WILFRED T. COOPER 7
CHARLES H. BAKER 4	†HERBERT TORR Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by H. MORGAN.

* First peal. † First peals in the method.

NORTHCURCH, HERTS.—On Oct. 1st at the Parish Church, 720 Bob Minor: F. G. Reeve (first 720) 1, O. Bayes (first 720 on an inside bell) 2, E. G. Benson 3, H. G. Benson 4, F. J. Reeve 5, Tony Price (conductor) 6.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF EDINBURGH SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

CHARLES SAMPSON Treble	ERNEST S. BAILEY 5
GEORGE WILSON 2	EDGAR H. BAILEY 6
JAMES M. BAILEY 3	GEORGE BAILEY 7
JAMES G. RUMSEY 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.
This method is now rung for the first time.

ASHTED, SURREY.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR DEAN Treble	GEORGE W. STEERE 5
ALFRED H. WINCH 2	JOHN H. WHITE 6
GEORGE MARRINER 3	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 7
*RAYMOND PHILPOTT 4	ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.
* First Surprise peal, and elected a member of the Society before starting. J. H. White's 100th peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN SADDINGTON Treble	JAMES F. CLARKE 5
*GEORGE STEDMAN MORRIS 2	A. CONINGSBY WRIGHT 6
ERNEST MORRIS 3	WILLIAM BOTTRILL 7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 4	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First in the method 'inside.' Arranged for Sergt. W. Bottrill, of the Metropolitan Police Force, this being his first Surprise peal.

LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.

On Saturday, December 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. HARRIS Treble	THOMAS BALDWIN 5
JOHN W. JONES 2	SYDNEY M. LOXTON 6
JOHN AUSTIN 3	ERNEST E. DAVIES 7
JESSE GILLET 4	JOHN DAVIES Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

LUTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*HARRY WALKER Treble	FREDERICK HUNT 5
THOMAS BLACKBOURN 2	HARRY WOOD 6
*ARTHUR J. SMITH 3	THOMAS KENDALL 7
*CLIFFORD ROLLINGS 4	LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by L. A. GOODENOUGH.
* First peal in the method.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger,

CRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

With 6—8 covering. Tenor 22 cwt.

FRED STUBBS Treble	JAMES HUDSON 5
GEORGE BLAXLEY 2	HENRY STUBBS 6
WILLIAM J. GILBERT 3	REGINALD C. LOVEDAY 7
FRANK KIRK 4	*WILLIAM CURTIS Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD C. LOVEDAY.

This peal was especially arranged and rung to oblige Mr. Henry Stubbs, who, now in his 77th year, expressed a wish to ring one more peal. The greatest credit is due to him for the way he rang through-out. * First peal.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S FIVE-PART

Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.

FREDERICK J. JUDGE Treble	HARRY BAKER 5
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT 2	*WILLIAM BOTTOM, JUN. 6
FREDERICK G. BURDEN 3	GEORGE BILLENNESS 7
MRS. H. BAKER 4	ALFRED BLACKMAN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

* First peal with an inside bell. First peal on the bells since the restoration by A. Bowell, of Ipswich. Also the first time a lady has rung a peal at Rolvenden.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

EDWARD G. GRINDELL Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 5
*FRANK RUFFLES 2	*LESLIE G. BRETT 6
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 3	WALTER RUFFLES 7
THOMAS H. CHAPPELL 4	WILLIAM T. LAST Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.
* First peal in the method.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 8, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 11 cwt.

WALTER WHITEHEAD Treble	SYDNEY SHELTON 5
ALBAN DISNEY 2	WILLIAM H. CLARKE 6
ROWLAND BARROW 3	WILLIAM WILLSON 7
EDWARD WHITEHEAD 4	*LEONARD WHITEHEAD Tenor

Conducted by WALTER WHITEHEAD.

* First peal. First attempt to call a peal of Grandsire, and, not having yet attained the age of sixteen years, is presumably the youngest conductor to call the one-part.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, December 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ERNEST E. HOLMAN Treble	*HUBERT SOMMERS 5
OSWALD J. HUNT 2	FRANK W. PERRENS 6
WILLIAM J. SMITH 3	WILLIAM T. COX 7
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 4	FRANK E. PERVIN Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by F. W. PERRENS.
* First peal of Major. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

HAMMERSMITH. — For morning service, with the bells half-muffled 504 Stedman Triples.

LODDON, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.

On Saturday, December 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES RUSH	Treble	CLAYTON PARNELL	5
EDWIN R. GOATE	2	CHARLES BAILEY... ..	6
*ROBERT WARMAN	3	JAMES SPALDING	7
CHARLES F. SAYER	4	FREDERICK A. FINCH	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.

On Friday, November 30, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 10 six-scores each of Plain Bob, Old Doubles and April Day, and 12 six-scores of Grandsire Doubles. Tenor 10 cwt.

*JAMES NUNN	Treble	LIONEL HAMMOND	4
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT	2	WALTER KERRISON	5
†ERNEST HALL	3	*ALBERT BOAST	Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

Rung to celebrate St. Andrew's Day. * First peal. † First peal of Doubles. The tenor ringer was proposed a member before starting for the peal.

DENBY, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1923, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Plain Bob, Oxford Bob and Kent Treble Bob and 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

PERCY WESTON	Treble	HERBERT G. FRETWELL	4
WILSON ALLIN	2	CYRIL J. JENNINGS	5
ARTHUR J. ORGILL	3	JOSEPH LORD	Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

CAPENHURST, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 1, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES R. GRIFFIN	Treble	EDWARD W. ELWELL	4
*ROBERT MADDOCK	2	*RICHARD MADDOCK	5
THOMAS ROGERS	3	HERBERT LUDKIN	Tenor

Conducted by E. W. ELWELL.

* First peal. First peal as conductor, and first attempt.

MARKET DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 1, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Court Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Court, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and two of Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 16 cwt.

HORACE M. DAY... ..	Treble	GEORGE LADD	4
JOHN G. AMES	2	GEORGE H. WELLS	5
JOHN CURRY... ..	3	JOSEPH LONDON	Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Rung for Queen Alexandra's birthday. Also as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Curry. J. Landon has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal.

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 1, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes

At the Church of St. Mary-de-Wyche,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Rev. E. BANKES JAMES' ARRANGEMENT.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JAMES WOODYATT	Treble	WILLIAM PAGE	4
WILLIAM RANFORD	2	SIDNEY T. HOLT	5
JOHN J. JEFFERIES	3	CHARLES CAMM	Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

First peal of Surprise on the bells. Rung in honour of Queen Alexandra's birthday.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 1, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Woodbine, Kent, Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

FRANK LEWIN	Treble	ANDERSON Y. TYLER	4
GEORGE BASFORD	2	JAMES B. HUDSON	5
JOHN R. MAIN	3	GEORGE LINES	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE LINES.

This peal was arranged for Mr. J. Main, and was his first in seven methods, and first attempt. First peal as conductor in seven methods for nearly ten years.

MARDEN, HEREFORD.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten callings. Tenor 16½ cwt.

*ALFRED PARKER	Treble	GEOFFREY W. TAYSON	4
*EDWARD H. GWILLIAM	2	JAMES H. HYETT	5
†GEORGE A. COUSINS	3	*JOHN JORDAN	Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell.

PIPE-CUM-LYDE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

†GEORGE HANKS	Treble	T. H. TAYSOME	4
IVOR RAWLINGS... ..	2	ARCHIE PROBERT... ..	5
WILLIAM WILLIAMS	3	WILFRED WILLIAMS	Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

† First peal. First peal as conductor.

LEIGH-UPON-MENDIP, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WILLIAM J. ROSSITER	Treble	WILLIAM ROSEWELL	4
†RONALD G. BECK	2	THOMAS GRIFFIN... ..	5
GERALD F. GRIFFIN	3	JOSEPH T. DYKE	Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in two methods.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(BOWDEN & STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 4, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven Spliced extents, viz.:

- 1 Bogedone, Ely, Knutsford, Wilmslow and Rosthern,
- 2 Fotheringay Castle, Dover Castle, Skipton Castle, Queen Victoria, Chepstow Castle,
- 3 Crowland, Abbeyville, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh,
- 4 Trowel, Morning Star, Duke of Norfolk, Islington, Norbury,
- 5 Grove Delight, Braintree, Neasden, College Bob IV., Wragby.
- 6 Poynton, Marple, Old Oxford Modernised, Bocking, Willesden.
- 7 Overton, Oxford, Sandal, London Scholar's and Kingston.

Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. Treble	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT 4
JOHN P. FIDLER 2	JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. 5
WILLIAM FERNLEY 3	JOHN W. HARTLEY Tenor

Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY, SEN.

This peal contains the greatest number of methods yet rung in seven true extents.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 4, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of College Single and four of Plain Bob called differently.

T. HURRELL Treble	I. EMERY 4
F. GORRINGE 2	*B. CROWTHER 5
R. BEARD 3	R. BRETT-SMITH Tenor

Conducted by R. BRETT-SMITH.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Vicar (the Rev. A. H. Stevenson), who was buried at St. Luke's Cemetery, Bromley Common, on the same day. * First peal of Minor.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(BOWDEN & STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Disley, Norbury, Knutsford, Wilmslow, Rosthern, Poynton and Marple. Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. Treble	HARRY LANGLEY 4
JOHN P. FIDLER 2	JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. 5
WILLIAM FERNLEY 3	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT Tenor

Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY, SEN.

The names of the methods in this peal represent six-bell towers in the Bowden and Stockport Branch, the methods having been first rung and named at Norbury.

APSLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

JOHN MALYAN Treble	HARRY HOLLOCK 4
THOMAS J. HULL 2	ALFRED J. ROGERS 5
ERNEST HUNT 3	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

This is only the second peal on the bells, the first having been rung in 1907. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to the wife of the conductor, and also as a birthday compliment to the conductor. Treble Bob had been arranged, but the above had to be substituted. The ringers represent five towers.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
(SOUTHOLD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, December 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of College Single, Single Court and Double Court (Spliced), Double Oxford and Oxford Bob (Spliced), Kent and Oxford (Spliced), St. Clement's, Woodbine and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN SPENCER Treble	FREDERICK WADE 4
JOHN LARTER 2	GEORGE LEE 5
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

First peal in ten methods on the bells, by all the band, and for the Guild; and was rung at the first attempt.

WESTONING, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

GEORGE W. HELEY Treble	ALBERT FLEET 4
HORACE H. SMITH 2	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 3	EDMUND J. HOBBS Tenor

Conducted by E. J. HOBBS.

First peal on these bells, which have recently been made six.

HANDBELL PEAL.

OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 8, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. ALBERT E. PARSONS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 19 in F.

PERCY O. LAFLIN 1-2	JAMES E. GROVES 7-8
ALBERT WALKER 3-4	ALBERT E. NORMAN 9-10
GEORGE F. SWAAN 5-6	MORRIS J. MORRIS 11-12

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Referees: MR. A. E. PARSONS AND MR. R. MATHEWS.

The band thank Mr. and Mrs. Parsons for their very kind hospitality and entertainment after the peal.

ST. MARY'S, ACTON, OUTING.

Owing to circumstances the St. Mary's ringers have to make their outing in two half-days, and late in the year. For the first trip a Saturday afternoon journey was made to Maidenhead, where an hour's ringing was thoroughly enjoyed, the methods successfully brought round on this lovely peal of eight being Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major. The next move was to Marlow, where the party were met by their old friend, Harry Collins, who joined them at tea. Afterwards a move was made to the tower, where some excellent ringing in the above-mentioned methods was enjoyed with the Marlow ringers. Wooburn Green was the final call, and Acton was reached near midnight. On the following Saturday the party visited Reading, where their esteemed friend, Mr. J. R. Mackman, piloted them to St. Lawrence Church, where they rang some Grandsire and Stedman Caters with the local band and Mr. Osborn, and the party were welcomed by the veteran, Mr. W. Newell. Tracks were made for St. Giles', and an hour there with standard methods went all too soon. After this the band split up for tea, some being the privileged guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mackman. The last pull was at Caversham, where a jolly time was spent in ringing various methods until 9.30. Best thanks are returned to the various Vicars for the use of the bells, to Mr. Harry Collins, to friends at Maidenhead, Mr. East, of Wooburn, Mr. and Mrs. Mackman and daughters for their hospitality, Mr. Osborn, and Mr. Simmonds, of Reading.

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DEVON GUILD.**SUCCESSFUL MEETING OF EXETER BRANCH.**

The fourth annual meeting of the Exeter Branch of the Guild of Devonshire ringers was held at St. Sidwell's Institute, Exeter, on Saturday week. A well-attended service was held in the Parish Church, and conducted by the Rev. J. B. Ball (curate of Littleham) and the Rev. E. V. Cox (Vicar of Littleham-cum-Exmouth). Tea and meeting were subsequently held in the Institute, and among those present were Messrs. E. Shepherd (chairman of the branch), W. J. Southwood (hon. secretary and treasurer), J. C. Oke (assistant secretary), the Rev. Maitland Kelly (President of the Guild), Mr. T. Bartlett (hon. treasurer of the Guild), the Revs. E. V. Cox, J. B. Ball, F. Knight, and E. A. Julian. Letters of apology for inability to attend were read from the Revs. E. S. Powell (hon. secretary of the Guild), Frob. Smith-Dorrien, E. P. B. Weber, G. H. Mallett, and A. Poulton, and Mr. S. Hull. About 120 members attended, and included representatives from the following bands: St. Sidwell's, St. David's, and St. Thomas' (Exeter), Heavitree, Thorverton, Topsham, Newton St. Cyres, Littleham, Honiton Clyst, Upton Pyne, Withycombe Raleigh, Sowton, Clyst St. George, Christow, and Alphington.

A vote of sympathy was passed to the Rector of St. Sidwell's (the Rev. F. Jones), who is seriously ill, and to the relatives of the late Mr. J. Richards, a very old and respected member of the Guild. The hon. secretary was asked to write a letter in each case on behalf of the branch.

It was decided to hold a combined meeting of the Exeter and South Devon Branches at Chudleigh on Saturday, January 19th, to celebrate the augmentation and re-opening of the peal of eight now being installed by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

The following officers were re-elected: Mr. E. Shepherd, chairman; Mr. W. J. Southwood, hon. secretary and treasurer; and Mr. J. C. Oke, assistant secretary.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting of the branch at Alphington on Saturday, March 1st.

It was gratifying to find new members still being elected. Four were admitted at this meeting.

Mr. Shepherd proposed a vote of thanks to the Revs. J. B. Ball and E. V. Cox for conducting the service; the organist, vergers and ladies, for kindly presiding at the tea tables.

An interesting event took place during the ringing, after the meeting, when two octogenarians, namely, the President of the Guild (the Rev. Maitland Kelly) and Mr. H. Payne, took part in a touch on the bells of St. Petrock's.

YE COMPLEAT CONDUCTOR.

We met for a peal of Cambridge Minor at a strange church in a strange village, at least, it was strange to we three. Our conductor met us at the gate, with the other members of the band, and, admitting us to the church, bade us beware the step near the lectern. We have still to find that step, but after a deal of shuffling we struck the ringing room, also minus a step. This we found to be 'illuminated' by a single flat-flame burner, 12ft. up the wall. Our cicerone, nothing daunted, produced from a hand-bag a complete incandescent fitting, remarking that he had 'pinched it from the front room.' By the aid of 'long Fred' and a bit of agility, the burner was soon 'in situ,' and the peal ran merrily until near the end of the third 720, when another step occurred, over which two tripped badly, and the tenors came up wrong way. Result, peal 'Napoo.'

After carefully removing the gas fitting, and hanging up the mantle (for future possible use) out of harm's way by means of a hook ingeniously fashioned from a hair-pin, we repaired to a place described by our official French linguist as a 'Estimate.' There we regaled all and sundry with courses of Triples, Major and Caters on the most weird set of handbells in existence. These bells are truly effeminate, having their tongues made of clothes-pegs with springs from the ubiquitous hair-pin. They have a nasty knack also of occasionally flying off the headstock, and proved most disconcerting to the waiters, who each kept recognising his own particular bell and answering it.

However, we three had a long way to go home, and our conductor volunteered to show us a near cut across the fields to the point where we could take a bus. After floundering about the first field in the inky darkness of war-time, the conductor mentioned quite casually that he had not been this way for years. Fortunately, we three were all 'old sweats,' and, with the ex-bandsman heading the ex-battalion, we made fair progress, until we found ourselves in a field with an unclimbable iron fence. 'We ought to ha' went through higher up,' quoth the conductor, but we climbed the fence and marched on.

Gravellyacre was soon reached, and here the conductor consoled us with 'There'll be a bus any minute now.' There was, and we got in and soon found we were making for quite a different point to what was desired, but after about 20 minutes of execrable road we struck a 'chaser,' which landed us in Waxton safely. We wonder if our conductor, who has a penchant for wrong trains, conducted himself home safely. Anyway, we shall give him the 'go by' next trip.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The six-bell band at Norbury, Cheshire, who are without question the premier company in spliced method ringing, have added yet further to their laurels, by ringing a peal in which no fewer than 35 methods have been linked up in seven true extents. This is really a wonderful performance, and the whole Exercise will congratulate this enterprising band upon their unique achievement.

On his departure for Brecon, the Rev. T. R. J. Jones, curate of Knighton, was presented by the ringers with a solid silver inkstand as a mark of their respect and esteem. The presentation was preceded by an excellent dinner, generously given by the Ringing Master (Mr. P. Jones).

Mr. R. Palmer, of Hatherleigh, North Devon, has died at the age of 94, in the house in which he was born and had lived all his life. As vergor of the parish church and the captain of the bell ringers up to recent years, he had rung the curfew at 8 o'clock each evening.

Leatherhead bells are to be restored by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. They have already been taken to the Foundry, where the 9th is to be recast. They will be rehung in complete new fittings.

Mr. B. Fullwood, of Sedgley, offers for sale the rights to manufacture a patent locking device for bells. Such a preventive against accident when bells are up is most desirable, and sooner or later is likely to be added as a sort of 'standard' equipment in belfries.

Both born on December 5th, 1865, in the county of 'Glaster,' Mr. J. W. Jones, the hon. secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, and Mr. W. B. Biss, of Cardiff, have several times rung a birthday peal together. They added another to those successful celebrations by ringing in a peal of Grandsire Caters last week.

A record which stood for over 150 years was set up by the College Youths on December 15th, 1735, when they rang 8,008 Grandsire Cinques at Southwark. This is supposed to be the first peal on the bells, and the length was not beaten until 1887, when 9,020 was rung at Birmingham. At Southwark, 'Mr. Benjamin Annable call'd bobs,' and the peal was 'the longest that ever was done.'

On the old peal of twelve at Spitalfields on Dec. 20th, 1806, 'a peal of 6,334 Cinques upon Stedman's Principle' was rung by the Senior Cumberlands, 'being the most ever rung in that method.' Only five days before the Junior Cumberlands had rung 5,886 in the same method on the same bells, and these two performances coming so close together are all the more noteworthy from the fact that previously only two other peals of Stedman Cinques are known to have been rung.

The first peal of Stedman Triples 'in hand' was rung at the 'Three Kings,' Clerkenwell, London, seventy years ago next Wednesday by the Cumberland Youths. The record of the performance says the peal was brought round in fine style, the ringers being John Cox, Thomas Powell, Henry Haley and Thomas Brittan. The ringing took place in the presence of 19 members of the College Youths and Cumberland Societies, some of whom checked the sixes as they were rung. Later on, we believe, Cooter condemned the peal as false. This is a point, perhaps, upon which some of our readers can give us definite information.

On December 15th, 1904, the first peal in South Africa was rung at Woodstock.

The first peal of Canterbury Pleasure Major was rung at Warnham, Sussex, on December 17th, 1838.

A meeting of the London County Association (Southern District) has been arranged at short notice for Saturday next at St. Luke's, Chelsea.

The question raised in this column recently as to the youngest conductor of Holt's Original seems to be settled by the performance of a young Leicester ringer, Walter Whitehead, who last week called the peal before reaching the age of 18.

Last Saturday the first peal was rung on the bells at Westoning, Bedfordshire. Originally a ring of five, they were recently made into a peal of six by the gift of a treble by Mr. H. Spensley, of Westoning Manor, in memory of his mother. The work was carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The back five bells are dated respectively as follows: 1672, 1743, 1829, 1722, 1743.

ONE HUNDRED 720's IN A YEAR.

From December 24th, 1922, to December 2nd, 1923, St. James' ringers, East Crompton, Lancs, rang one hundred complete 720's in 13 Minor methods, 71 extents having been rung for service, as follows: Oxford and Kent Spliced, 3; Oxford, 9; Kent, 17; Violet, 17; New London, 6; Duke of York, 10; Woodbine, 11; Merchants Return, 6; London Scholars Pleasure, 10; College Bob IV., 7; Plain Bob, 2; Kingston, 1; Sandal, 1. There are two bands at this church who take Sunday ringing in turn.

TEN BELL TOWERS.

TEWKESBURY ABBEY.

By J. R. JERRAM.

Tewkesbury Abbey recently celebrated the eight hundredth anniversary of its foundation.



This fine view of Tewkesbury Abbey is from a photograph kindly loaned by Mr. F. E. Dawe.

At the present time this noble pile possesses a peal of ten bells, tenor 51 inches diameter, 24 cwt. The inscriptions are as follow:

Treble. AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIAM ET IN PIAM MEMORIAM ELIZABETHÆ POTTS, MATRIS DESIDERATISSIMÆ, DONO DICAVERTUNT OSWALDUS ET EDITHA WARDELL-YERBURGH, A.S. MCMXIII.

(By Mears & Stainbank.)

Second. AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIAM ET IN PIAM MEMORIAM FRANCISCI GULIELMI GODFREY, MDCCCL—DONO DICAVERTUNT FRANCISCUS ET CONSTANTIA GODFREY.

(By Mears & Stainbank.)

Third. IAS PEACE & WILLIAM HATHAWAY CHURCH W. AOR 1743.

Fourth. PROSPERITY TO THIS TOWN 1725

Fifth. ABRA: RUDHALL. JOHN CALE, 1696

Sixth. ABRA: RUDHALL CAST VS ALL 1696

Seventh. CAST AT GLOUCESTER BY T. MEARS 1837.
(N.B.—Mears used Rudhall's border ornament.)

Eighth. PEACE & GOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD. AMEN.

Ninth. PROSPERITY TO THIS TOWNE & CHVRCH.
ABRA: RUDHALL OF GLOUCESTER BELL
FOUNDER. 1717.

Tenor. REV. CH: WHITE, VICAR. HENRY BRIDGES & HUGH MARTIN CHURCH W. 1837. T. MEARS FECT.

These bells were originally a peal of eight by Abraham Rudhall, sen., in 1696—probably one of his earliest works—the two trebles being added by Mears and Stainbank in 1913.

There was originally a detached campanile at Tewkesbury, of which Mr. H. B. Walters gives an illustration, in his 'Church Bells of England' (p. 63). The following tablets are in the belfry:—

'In the year 1837 this peal had two bells recast and all the others tuned, with new frame and hangings by Mr. Cull; and on the 16th of October in that year an opening took place, upon which occasion the Cheltenham Society succeeded in obtaining a true and compleat peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, containing 5184 changes, in 3 hours 6 mins., by:

JAMES LLOYD	<i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM PROSSER	<i>Fifth</i>
THOMAS SMITH	<i>Second</i>	WILLIAM CRUSER	<i>Sixth</i>
CHAS. GILLMAN	<i>Third</i>	RICHARD HUGHES	<i>Seventh</i>
CHARLES FREEMAN	<i>Fourth</i>	THOMAS TURNER (cond.)	<i>Tenor</i>

'MACTE NOVA VIRTUTE. On these bells, January 15th, 1877, in 3 hours 3 mins., was rung by Tewkesbury Abbey Society, a true and compleat peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples, in 6 parts; the whole containing 194 bobs and 46 singles. The first rung here by a local Society:

GEO. CLEAL (age 15)	<i>Treble</i>	JNO. WATHER	<i>Fifth</i>
C. D. P. DAVIES, ESQ.	<i>Second</i>	J. WATHER	<i>Sixth</i>
G. HAINES	<i>Third</i>	E. WALLIS	<i>Seventh</i>
E. INSALL	<i>Fourth</i>	W. HAINES	<i>Tenor</i>

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The last meeting of the year of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, on Saturday last, and was a very enjoyable one in every respect. Some 36 members attended, and a large number of methods, including Bristol, London and Cambridge Surprise, were rung.

A short service was held at 5 p.m., at which the Rev. J. Meeser (curate) officiated, in the unavoidable absence of the Rector (the Rev. G. T. McLean). The sermon was especially noticeable for some words of real wisdom, which it is hoped were taken to heart in these very troublesome days.

After tea a short business meeting was held, at which three new members were elected, and a hearty vote of thanks passed to the Rector for the use of the bells; to the Rev. J. Meeser for his great assistance and helpful words; and to Mr. A. Riley for his efforts to make this meeting a pleasant one, in which, it should be recorded, he succeeded. Thanks are also due to Mr. H. W. Strickland, a member of the Tottenham band, for valuable help rendered at the harmonium during the service.

Ringling was again indulged in until nearly 9 o'clock, in which the younger generation was well to the fore; and, judging by the interest taken by little Ernest Pye in what was going on, it will not be many years before he begins to make an attempt on some of his father's records.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the Western District was held on Saturday at Portishead, and there was a good attendance. Ringling began shortly after 3 p.m., and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. An excellent tea was provided at the White Cot Dairy, and a business meeting followed, Miss Smith being in the chair.

Two new members were elected, viz., Miss G. Broad, and Miss G. Dobbs, of Portishead.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting in Bath early in March.

The meeting was brought to a close with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Gillingham, the captain of the tower, and to Miss Smith for presiding. A return to the belfry was made by those able to remain, and a most successful meeting was brought to a close.

EDINBURGH SURPRISE MAJOR.

ANOTHER NEW METHOD.

The Leiston ringers have rung another Surprise method. It has been named Edinburgh Surprise, and is a product by Mr. Gabriel Lindoff. The band found the method interesting to ring, and something different to existing ones. A composition on the 'in and 5th's' plan shortens the courses and increases the musical features.

12545678 23456 M In & 5th W H

21436587	34256	x	
12346857	54326	x	--
21436875	43526	x	
24136857	36524	--	x
42316587	26354	x	--
24135678	25634	x	--
24316587	35264	x	--
42361578	52364	x	
43265187	23564	x	
34621578	62354	x	--
36425187	53624	x	--
63245817	42635	--	--
62348571	62534	--	x
26435817	24536	--	x
24638571	45236	x	
42365871	52436	x	
43268517	32465	--	x
34625871	24365	x	
36428517	43265	x	
63248157	63425	x	--
62341875	35425	--	x
26438157	25346	x	--
24631875	53246	x	
42613857	32546	x	
42168375	42356	x	--
24613857	23456	x	
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41265378			
14623587			
41263857			
14628375			
14263857			

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Rung at Leiston, Dec. 8th, 1923.
Conducted by C. F. Bailey.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DISTRICT AT SELBY.

A quarterly meeting of the Eastern District was held at Selby on Saturday, December 1st, and by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Solloway, D.D.), the abbey bells, a fine ring of ten, were placed at the disposal of ringers throughout the afternoon and evening. At choral evensong the address by the Vicar of Selby was much appreciated.

Tea was afterwards held in the Co-operative Hall, and about 35 sat down, representing towers at Doncaster, Hemingbrough, Hull, Market Weighton, Leeds, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Thorne, Wetherby, Wortley and York.

The business meeting followed, Dr. Solloway presiding. An apology for absence was received from Mr. A. E. Wert (vice-president), who was unfortunately laid up with a severe cold.

It was decided to hold the annual district meeting at Pontefract in March, 1924.

Two new members were elected to the association, viz., Mr. A. D. Clegg, of York, and Mr. T. Leask, of Fishlake.

On the motion of Mr. P. J. Johnson (hon. gen. secretary), a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Dr. Solloway for the use of the bells, and also for his address at the service.—The Vicar, responding in a humorous and happy vein, spoke of the great pleasure it gave him in having the association at Selby.

A vote of thanks was also passed to the choir and organist for their services, and to the local company for having made such excellent arrangements.—This was responded to by Mr. F. Ellis (assistant organist) and Mr. T. Morgan.

The members afterwards adjourned to the tower for further ringling.

DEATH OF AN OLD SMETHWICK RINGER.

Mr. Joseph Hughes, at one time a ringer at the Old Church, Smethwick, and in his early days at Leighton, near Welshpool, passed away very suddenly on December 2nd, in his 73rd year. The interment took place at the Old Church, Smethwick, on December 6th, the Rev. Canon Astbury officiating. Many wreaths were sent by relatives and old friends, and kind sympathy was freely expressed by those of the local ringers who remembered him. His death is mourned by the widow, and daughters and sons, Messrs. J. Hughes, of Bangor, and A. J. Hughes, Rhyl.

The deceased came of ringing stock, his father and grandfather having been ringers before him. He was not a great change ringer, but had rung a few peals of Grandsire Triples, mostly for the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Saturday, December 1st, at Pattishall, Northants, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: W. Wise (first quarter) 1, J. W. Haynes 2, P. C. Asplin 3, J. M. Gray 4, J. A. Townsend (conductor) 5, A. Birch 6.

This quarter-peal was rung after the wedding of Miss A. Whitehead to Mr. Leslie Payler. The bride is the daughter of Mr. John Whitehead, who has for many years been a ringer and chorister at the Parish Church. The ringers were entertained to tea by the bride and bridegroom.

THE STEEPLEKEEPER'S DAUGHTERS.

On Saturdays, Nov. 17th and 24th, the two remaining daughters of Mr. G. T. Leader, of Slough, were respectively married at the Parish Church of St. Mary by the Rector (the Rev. A. G. P. Baines, M.A.), Miss May Leader being wedded to Mr. W. H. Jacques, and Miss Dorothy M. Leader to Mr. David Patey. Mr. Leader gave his daughters away, a quiet pretty wedding in each case, with relations and friends aroused, terminating with a honeymoon spent at Brighton.

Both ladies were change ringers, taught by their father, Dorothy having rung a couple of quarter-peals of Grandsire Triples, and they helped to keep the Sunday Service ringling going during the war and afterwards.

On November 24th the Slough ringers and friends held an enjoyable practice at the church to honour the double event, when several touches of Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung by Messrs. Hooper, Henley, Bateman, Smith, Farr, Leader, A. and T. Harding, Perryman, Welling, Bedford, Franklin, and the towerkeeper. An adjournment to the Reindeer Hotel, at the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Leader, enabled the company to drink to the health of the brides and the bridegrooms, and to taste the cake.

During his long connection with Slough tower, Mr. Leader has spliced many ropes, but few steeplekeepers can say they have 'spliced' four bonnie daughters.

W. H. F.

DUBLIN.—At St. Patrick's Cathedral, on December 3rd, 1,568 Grandsire Caters, in 57 mins.: David Gibb 1, G. Lindoff (composer and conductor) 2, Joe Atkinson 3, Richard Lynch 4, W. H. Wilson 5, Wm. Lynch 6, A. Murray 7, J. Cherry 8, G. Wilmot 9, Wm. Gibson 10.

CAMBRIDGE ROYAL RECORD.**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION TO ATTEMPT LONG LENGTH.**

Quickly after the unsuccessful attempt for a long peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Duffield by the Midland Counties Association comes the announcement that on Boxing Day, Wednesday, Dec. 26th, members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild will (D.V.) attempt the same length (10,440 changes) at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, starting at 9.30 a.m.

The composition is by the Rev. H. Law James, and was published in 'The Bells News' on Dec. 31st, 1910, page 574.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Eastern District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at Durham on Saturday. About 20 members, including the president (Mr. C. Todd) and the ex-president (Mr. W. Story) attended from Darlington, Newcastle, Sunderland, Houghton-le-Spring, West Hartlepool, etc., and the bells of St. Oswald's and the fine peal of eight at the Cathedral were kept going during the afternoon and evening.

It was arranged to hold the next district meeting at Jarrow about the middle of January.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the South-Western Division was held at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, December 1st. Tea at the Nag's Head was followed by the business meeting, the Master (Mr. A. Prior) being in the chair. Members were present from Romford, Brentwood, Woodford, Loughton, West Ham, Leytonstone, and the local band. It was decided to hold a by-meeting at Wanstead early in March. The next quarterly meeting will be held at Loughton in April.—The retiring Master and secretary were re-elected.

The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening in various methods, including Double Norwich and Superlative.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to the Vicar for the use of the bells; also to Messrs. J. H. Wilkins and J. Adams for making the necessary arrangements, which added to the success of the meeting.

'SILENT' SURPRISE MINOR PEALS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It may interest Messrs. Dawson and Wheeldon, and also other members of the Exercise, to know that at least two 'silent' peals have been rung in seven legitimate Surprise Minor methods. The first was rung at Oswaldtwistle, Lancashire, on February 16th, 1913, in 2 hours 46 minutes, and the methods were: Canterbury, London, Wells, Durham, York, Lancashire, and Stamford. The second one was rung at Walton-on-the-Hill, Liverpool, on Nov. 4th of the same year in 2 hours 39 minutes, and the methods were: London, Canterbury, Chester, Carlisle, Beverley, York and Cambridge.

I have every reason to believe these were two excellent performances, and rung strictly according to the rules that govern silent peal ringing. In giving this information I in no way wish to detract from the high merit of the Bucknall men's achievement in 1897, but rather regret that the Central Council rulings were against them in later years.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE R. NEWTON.

A FALSE METHOD.

Sir,—After reading Mr. Wheeldon's reply to Mr. Dawson's query, may I ask which Superlative was rung in the peal he refers to: Cambridge Surprise reverse, or the Superlative, No. 42 in 'C.C.C. Methods' P? If No. 42 was rung I cannot understand why it was allowed to remain, as I am quite sure it is an alien, it being impossible to get a 720 true with calling W.R.W., 32465 being a false row. Perhaps some other gentleman has pointed this out before, but not recently. To make it more plain here is a 720 by the lead ends showing the false rows.

	23456	34256	42356
	23564	34562	42563
A 1 x	36245	B 2 x	46325
2 x	64352	3 x	62453
	45623		25634
	45236		25346
	45362		25463
	56423		25634
C	62534	A	63542
	23645		34625
	34256		42356
			23456

1 x is false with 1 x, when treble is in 3.4, and the same applies to 2 x and 3 x. 32654 is also a false row. A 1 x is false with A. B 2 x is false with B, and C 3 x with C, also when treble is in 3.4. Cambridge Surprise Reverse is given as Superlative in William Banister's book.

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E. C. GOBEY.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

On account of the Christmas Holidays, *The Ringing World* for December 28th will have to be sent to press two days earlier than usual in that week.

Matter intended for publication in that issue should reach us as early as possible, but notices and reports relating to events on Saturday, December 22nd, will be accepted up to first post on Monday, December 24th.

We hope that all peals rung up to the 22nd will be sent to us by that date, so that they may not overload our columns in the following week, when we have to deal with the extra pressure of holiday ringing.

SPADE WORK IN CHESHIRE.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Port Sunlight recorded last week is worthy of special note. The achievement can be attributed almost wholly to the efforts of Mr. H. Ludkin, who, however, would, in his modesty, be the last to claim such credit. Here are the facts. The treble ringer was first introduced to a belfry early this year, another has been barely two years a change ringer, while in May of this year more than half the band had not rung Treble Bob Major inside.

In a district where change ringing was at a low ebb and peals by residents almost impossible, Mr. Ludkin's efforts have been responsible for the following successes since the early summer: 'Resident' peals of Treble Bob Minor and Major and Surprise Minor and Major. Several other peals have been rung, and on each occasion one or more 'first pealers' have taken part.

Such labours as Mr. Ludkin has put in in the cause of ringing merit recognition.

A MUFFLED HALF-PEAL.

At Christ Church, Pendlebury, Lancashire, on Sunday, Dec. 9th, for evening service, with the bells fully muffled, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples (2,520 changes) was rung in 1 hour 30 minutes by Wm. Walton 1, A. Wallwork 2, Geo. Morris (conductor) 3, T. Lingard 4, J. Brockbank 5, S. Bradley 6, C. Sedden 7, J. Edge 8. This half-peal was rung as a mark of respect to the late Mr. W. E. Chapman, whose funeral took place on December 6th at Swinton Cemetery. He had been connected with Christ Church for a number of years, having occupied the offices of churchwarden, sidesman and Sunday School teacher, and the loss of his services will be much felt by all connected with the church.

THE PEAL AT GAINSBOROUGH.

The peal of Bob Major at Gainsborough on Saturday was arranged for Miss C. Hepburn, of Isham, Northamptonshire, who was on a visit to Gainsborough, and is the first lady ringer to take part in a peal on these bells. It was also a farewell compliment to the Rev. K. J. McFarland, of New Zealand, who for the past three months has been assisting in the parish of All Saints, and, to the sincere regret of the parishioners, is taking his departure for other dioceses in England before returning to his native country.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

APPLETON, BERKS.—On Thursday, Nov. 15th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: H. C. White 1, R. White 2, G. Holfield, junr., 3, A. H. White 4, F. S. White 5, G. Holfield, senr. (conductor), 6, C. G. White 7, P. Trinder 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by the ringers of the treble and fourth; also by an Appleton band for 15 years.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Saturday, Nov. 24th, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, 1,680 Grandsire Triples, in 61 mins.: C. Lovall 1, Miss G. Brown 2, Miss G. Mannings 3, A. Medd 4, E. Collins 5, H. Goodenough 6, W. Cheater (conductor) 7, E. Bradford 8. The ringers of 1, 3, 4, 6, are from St. Peter's, Bournemouth, and the rest are members of the local band.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Saturday, Nov. 10th (eve of Armistice Day), 720 Woodbine, with the bells half-muffled: R. Stredwick 1, M. Broomfield 2, A. White 3, W. White 4, G. Steele 5, F. Trusler (conductor) 6.—On Nov. 13th, 720 London Surprise: R. S. Cherryman 1, G. Steele 2, F. Trusler 3, A. White 4, R. Stredwick 5, W. White (first 720 as conductor) 6.—On Nov. 20th, 720 London Surprise: R. S. Cherryman 1, K. Hart 2, F. Trusler 3, R. Stredwick 4, W. White 5, G. Steele (first 720 as conductor) 6.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Nov. 21st, in 48 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): G. Law 1, B. Guy 2, W. C. Cuss 3, G. Winter 4, H. Acock 5, J. Hope (conductor) 6, A. J. King (first in the method) 7, W. Peachey 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss F. M. Hope, daughter of the conductor.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—On Sunday, Dec. 9th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 42 mins.: W. Merritt 1, G. H. Daynes (conductor) 2, S. W. Holdaway 3, R. D. Marshall 4, C. H. Kippen, junr., 5, W. H. Daynes 6, R. A. Fardon 7, G. Redding 8.

ASHTED, SURREY.—On Sunday, Dec. 9th, at the Church of St. Giles, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 40 mins.: A. Dean 1, Miss I. Hastie 2, A. L. Brown 3, W. H. Corbett 4, A. Harman 5, G. A. Cook 6, J. Hoyle (conductor) 7, G. Marriner 8.

ISLEWORTH.—On Sunday, Dec. 9th, for evensong, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: F. Hawthorne (first quarter-peal in the method) 1, F. G. Goddard 2, T. Beadle 3, W. Ledbetter 4, J. Wilner 5, A. Beckensale 6, G. Spencer (conductor) 7, H. Beadle 8. Arranged for F. Hawthorne, who hails from Thames Ditton.

ERITH, KENT.—On Sunday, December 9th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): L. Cullum 1, J. Moreton 2, D. Harvey 3, G. Coley 4, W. Smith 5, A. H. Hills 6, E. Hott 7, O. Robinson 8.—On Sunday evening, Sept. 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins., was rung by the following: L. Cullum 1, W. Smith 2, D. Harvey 3, E. Hott 4, G. Cullum 5, A. Moreton (conductor) 6, J. Moreton 7, R. Middleton 8.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Sunday, December 9th, for Matins, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 51 mins.: W. Johnson 1, W. Chambers 2, H. Jennings 3, W. Scott 4, A. Callaway 5, W. Scott, junr., 6, W. Upton (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, J. Leal 8. For evensong, the same day, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Chambers 1, W. Scott 2, H. Jennings 3, W. Johnson 4, A. Callaway 5, W. Scott 6, W. Upton 7, H. Barton (conductor) 8.

HYTHE, KENT.—On Sunday morning, Dec. 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 minutes: W. Bidnell, junr., 1, Cyril P. Munn 2, W. Bidnell, senr., 3, A. Wratten 4, A. R. Manning 5, S. Mowl (conductor) 6, R. Birch 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1, 2, 4, 6 and 8. In the evening, a quarter-peal in the same method, in 44 mins.: W. Bidnell, junr., 1, C. P. Munn 2, R. Birch 3, W. Bidnell (conductor) 4, S. Mowl 5, A. R. Manning 6, S. A. Gower 7, G. E. Drury (first quarter-peal) 8. This is the first occasion on which two quarter-peals have been rung on the same day since the bells were rehung in 1892.

MORETON-IN-MARSH, GLOS.—On Sunday, December 9th, for evening service, 910 Grandsire Triples: F. Jones 1, C. Grimes 2, J. Gardner 3, B. Timms 4, N. Bryon 5, A. White 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, J. Loyde 8.

CROYDON.—On Sunday, December 9th, for evening service, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, arranged from J. W. Washbrook's peal, with alternate course ends: Miss Chapman 1, D. Wright 2, Miss Harcastle 3, Chas. Austin 4, Miss Orr 5, Wm. Smith (conductor) 6, T. G. Banister 7, Chas. Dean 8, S. R. Roper 9, E. Denham 10.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.—At Holy Trinity Church, for evening service, on Sunday, December 9th, 1,056 Bob Major, in 40 mins.: R. Evans 1, W. D. Wase 2, A. S. Bayley 3, J. Hanley 4, T. E. Abbott 5, W. Lago 6, B. Rixom 7, G. L. Hewitt (conductor) 8.

STINCHECOMBE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—For morning service, on Sunday, December 2nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Smart 1, J. Parker 2, F. Oakhill 3, A. Burcombe 4, J. Smith 5, H. Fussell (conductor) 6. First 720 of Kent on these bells; also a course of Oxford Treble Bob and a 120 of Grandsire Double.

LONDON.—At St. Andrew's, Wells Street, for evening service, on Sunday, December 2nd, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): Sergt. Porter 1, Miss E. Chapman 2, Miss F. E. Orr 3, C. F. Winney (conductor) 4, H. Dyas 5, P. C. Shipp 6, Sergt. Bottrell 7, E. Davis 8.

SPRINGFIELD.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, Nov. 11th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. H. Myhill 1, E. Kemp 2, W. Hawkes 3, I. J. Poulton 4, E. Runter 5, E. S. Buckingham (conductor) 6. Also 306 Kent Treble Bob. For evening service, 240 New London and 720 Kent Treble Bob: J. H. Myhill 1, I. J. Poulton 2, W. Hawkes 3, A. E. Davis 4, E. Runter 5, E. Kemp (conductor) 6.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—At the Parish Church of St. Mary, previous to evensong, on Sunday, Nov. 4th, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,280 changes), in 52 mins.: H. W. Elise 1, E. W. Day 2, E. J. Newell 3, J. Hare 4, G. Wolfe 5, W. J. Croft 6, L. Fidler 7, G. T. Croft (conductor) 8.

MARKET DEEPING.—At the Parish Church, for morning service, on Sept. 30th, 360 Fulbeck Bob: J. Landon 1, E. Wright 2, H. M. Day (conductor) 3, W. A. Day 4, Wm. Tilley 5, G. H. Wells 6. First touch, and first attempt in the method by all the band, no one having previously rung a plain course of it. Also touches of Primrose Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Bob Minor, with T. Henson treble. For evening service, 360 Double Court and 209 Bob Minor.

REMEMBRANCE DAY TOUCHES.

FEERING.—Essex Association.—For service, at 3 p.m., 1,264 Bob Major, in 50 mins.: R. Porter 1, J. C. Newman 2, W. H. P. Mellins 3, R. Fisher 4, F. Redgewell 5, G. Hayward 6, C. J. Rogers 7, W. Keeble (conductor) 8.

NOTTINGHAM.—At St. Peter's Church for morning service, 500 Grandsire Caters: W. Flinders 1, F. Blood (15th Sherwoods) 2, M. Ward (Leeds 'Pals') 3, F. W. Bailey (Suffolks) 4, G. West (Royal Engineers) 5, F. Bradley (Royal Engineers) 6, L. Chadburn (R.A.F.) 7, P. A. Salter (Suffolks) 8, F. Johnson (conductor) 9, A. R. Leader 10.

BRAINTREE.—At the Parish Church, with the bells half-muffled, touches of Stedman Triples. For men's service, in the afternoon, with the bells open, 560 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. For evensong, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 45 mins.: C. H. Howard 1, W. J. Sadler 2, H. J. Collins 3, G. Wiffen 4, L. W. Wiffen 5, G. Lindridge 6, W. A. Cave, Bristol (composer and conductor), 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

WALTHAMSTOW.—At St. Saviour's Church, for special Armistice Day service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Stedman Triples, with the bells half-muffled, in 48 mins.: C. A. Hughes 1, A. Cooper 2, W. Little 3, H. A. Edwards 4, G. W. Cooper 5, H. Wood 6, W. Steed (composer and conductor) 7, J. Coleman and E. D. Lillywhite 8. J. Coleman has only been recently discharged from hospital.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Mary's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins., the bells being half-muffled: A. J. Moore 1, A. H. Fulwell 2, J. E. Churchill 3, L. H. Page 4, J. H. Hunnisett 5, F. Goodfellow (conductor) 6, H. J. Hunnisett 7, C. G. Cupper 8.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, Nov. 11th for the war memorial service, 840 Stedman Triples, half-muffled, in 31 mins.: W. Crawford 1, W. D. Wase 2, B. Rixom 3, J. Hanley 4, R. Jones 5, W. Saunders 6, J. Garbett (conductor) 7, J. Johnston 8. After the two minutes' silence the flag was raised from half-mast, and the bells rung open to 168 Stedman Triples for the 11.15 service at the church, Alfred S. Bayley and Thomas E. Abbott standing in.

BARNES.—At St. Mary's, for evening service, with the bells open, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Stratton 1, H. Barrett 2, H. Cook 3, W. C. Stacey (first quarter of Grandsire inside) 4, O. Hunt 5, F. Skevington (conductor) 6, R. Mackrill 7, J. Willmott 8.

WEST EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Stephen's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (half-muffled), in 55 mins.: F. S. Palmer, junr., 1, E. J. Walsom 2, P. E. Clark 3, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 4, F. W. Townsend 5, C. Edwards 6, E. Harris 7, F. S. Palmer, senr., 8.

EXETER.—At St. David's Church, previous to service, with the bells muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: S. Milton (first quarter-peal) 1, F. J. Davey 2, F. Gardner 3, J. Arbury 4, J. Oke 5, W. Lethbridge (conductor) 6, J. Moss 7, H. Bedford 8.

SPROTBROUGH.—At the Parish Church, for morning service, with the bells half-muffled, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: J. Stacey 1, H. Harding 2, W. H. Metcalf 3, W. Athron 4, E. Short 5, E. Stacey (conductor) 6. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor: H. Harding 1, W. H. Metcalf 2, E. Short 3, W. Athron 4, W. Dent 5, E. Stacey (conductor) 6.

PETERBOROUGH.—At St. Mary's Church, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor, with bells half-muffled: G. Williamson 1, Miss D. Dale (first 720 inside) 2, Miss A. Dale 3, Miss K. Jutson 4, W. Waldron 5, J. J. Jutson (conductor) 6. For evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. Williamson 1, W. Waldron 2, Miss A. Dale 3, J. J. Jutson 4, E. Tilley 5, F. Rowlinson (conductor) 6.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—At St. Iltyd's Church, with the bells half-muffled, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: Hugh Jenkins (age 14, longest length) 1, A. C. Jones 2, B. J. Toby 3, R. Evans 4, C. H. Perry (conductor) 5, J. Evans 6, D. R. James 7, C. Greedy 8. For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: A. W. Wright 1, B. J. Toby 2, R. Evans 3, J. Evans 4, C. H. Perry (cond.) 5, A. C. Jones 6, D. R. James 7, C. Greedy 8.

CHELMSFORD.—For morning service, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: F. Tolworthy 1, C. Gentry 2, J. Fleuty 3, A. Saltmarsh 4, A. Head 5, P. Timson 6, L. Clark 7, H. Kirton 8, C. Pease (conductor) 9, J. Wood 10.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—Before memorial evensong a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (taken from 'The Clavis'), in 40 mins.: A. W. Cox 1, T. East 2, W. J. Napper 3, K. White 4, W. V. Webb 5, R. G. Rice 6, J. S. Napper (conductor) 7, W. A. Goodenough 8. Six of the above band served overseas in the late war. Before morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.—At the Parish Church, for Armistice service, 168 and 336 Stedman Triples. For evensong 560 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Johnson 1, W. Chambers 2, H. Jennings 3, H. Phillips 4, A. Callaway 5, W. Scott, junr., 6, W. Upton 7, H. Barton (conductor) 8.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not attended 20 times in the previous year, to vote on matters of finance is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on December 20th, at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The annual meeting of the Branch will be held at Trowbridge on Saturday, December 15th (postponed from Dec. 8th). Bells (10) available 3 o'clock. Service 4.40. Tea at 5. Meeting directly after tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Clapham on Saturday, December 15th. Bells from 7.30. Tea in the Reading Room at 5 o'clock. It is hoped that all members will try and attend, as this meeting is for the election of a District Secretary. All ringing friends welcome.—H. L. Harlow, Dist. Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Bishops Stortford, on Saturday, December 15th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 at the Chequers Hotel. Business to follow.—F. Dench, Dist. Sec., 39, Pleasant Valley, Saffron Walden.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—The annual meeting of this branch will take place at Dunstable on Saturday, December 15th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Meeting after. A good attendance is particularly desired.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street, N. Dunstable.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be at Great Chart on Saturday, December 15th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea arranged at the Black Dog Inn.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Talbot Road Roman Catholic Church, Blackpool (8 bells), on Saturday, December 15th. Bells ready 4 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Decuman's Watchet on Saturday, December 15th, 1923. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.15. Tea at the Vicarage at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

NEWCHURCH PARISH CHURCH.—A new peal of 8 bells (tenor 12 cwt.), by J. Taylor & Co., of Loughborough, will be dedicated on Saturday, December 15th. Service at 2.30. Tea provided in Schoolroom at 4.30 free to all ringers. Bells open to visiting ringers after tea. All ringers heartily welcome.—J. Leatherbarrow, 43, Wigshaw Lane, Newchurch, Warrington.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hoddesdon on December 15th, when the bells will be available during afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided at reasonable cost. Business meeting after. All members and friends will be made welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Dist. Sec., Little Munden.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Stanford-on-Arder on December 15th. Bells (8). Ringing commences 3 o'clock. Bus leaves the Rushes 3.25. Fare 2d. to the Church. The bells of the Foundry will be available from 6 o'clock, and the business meeting will be held there. Will all members try to attend? Other ringing friends are heartily invited.—J. Saddington, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Yatton on Saturday, December 15th. Meeting in the Church Hall at 3.15 p.m. Tea to follow. Service in the Parish Church at 5 p.m.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Dedication of West Wycombe bells by Right Rev. Lord Bishop of Buckingham at 3 p.m. on Saturday, December 15th. Collection towards expenses. Tea provided, free, in Village Hall at 4.30. All welcome.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, December 15th, at St. Luke's, Chelsea. Ringing from 4 p.m. Service at 6 p.m. Tea can be obtained near by. A good attendance is requested, and all ringers will be heartily welcomed.—Fred. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 9, Dorset Road, Ealing, W.5.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Felkirk on Saturday, December 15th. Bells ready early. Members are urgently invited to make this meeting a success by a record attendance. The bells have been re-hung, and are in excellent condition. Tea will be provided. Tickets applied for will have first turn. Apply to Mr. Cyril Northington, Cherry Tree Farm, South Hindley, Barnsley. Buses run past church.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, December 22nd, at Liversedge Parish Church. Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 6, Laurel Grove, Armley, Leeds.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shoreham on Saturday, December 22nd. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at Street's Restaurant at 5 o'clock. All those intending being present kindly advise me by December 18th.—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—The next social evening will take place at the St. Martin's Hotel, City, at 7 p.m., on Saturday, December 22nd. Ringing at the Cathedral (10) from 4 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., 6 p.m. to 6.45 p.m.—Albert Walker, 81, Baker Street, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Manchester Town Hall on Saturday, December 22nd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 p.m.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

TICKHILL, YORKS.—These bells will be re-opened for ringers on Saturday, December 22nd. Ringing from 2.30 to 7 p.m. Tea, 1/6 per head, provided for those who

notify me by Wednesday, December 19th.—J. E. Cawser, Doncaster Road, Tickhill.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society). Established 1824.—Meetings for December, 1923: St. Clement Danes, Monday, 24th, 7.30 p.m.; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Monday, 17th, 7.30 p.m.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec., pro tem.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Newport on December 26th (Boxing Day). Service in All Saints' Church at 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting to follow in Lyne Road Mission Room. All Saints' bells available from 12 o'clock. Also St. Woolos' bells from 12 o'clock till 3.30 and after the meeting.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held at Newport on Boxing Day. St. Thomas' bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 5, followed by business meetings. Outstanding subscriptions should be forwarded to W. Upton, Dist. Sec., 10, Elm Grove, Newport. I.W.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be at Ilkeston on Saturday, January 12th, 1924.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec.

BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS.—The third annual dinner of the Bristol United Guilds will be held at the Grand Hotel, Broad Street, on Saturday, January 12th, 1924. Commence 6 p.m. Full details will be given later. Tickets, 6/-, may be obtained now from any of the Bristol Towers, Stewards, or direct from the Hon. Sec., Mr. E. Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society). Established 1824.—A Centenary Dinner will be held at "The Bell," Holborn, on Saturday, February 23rd, 1924. Tickets may be obtained at 5/- each from the dinner committee, whose names will be published in later issue.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec., pro tem., 56, Halliford Street, Essex Road.

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