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**BELL RINGING AS A HOBBY.**

Is ringing a selfish hobby? That seems to be the question raised by 'Ringer's Wife,' which has been spiritedly replied to by two ladies who are non-ringers. In a sense, of course, all hobbies can be made selfish. From hunting to chess; from motor racing to cricket; any pastime can be indulged in selfishly if the individual concerned puts his hobby in front of every other consideration. A person, if he or she becomes so engrossed in it that the hobby comes before everything else, can wreck domestic happiness, and 'golf widows' for instance, are said to be frequent victims of men's over-indulgence in that fascinating game—there are 'golf widowers' too. So, also, can bell ringing be made a selfish hobby by the man who puts it always first in his leisure hours, but, as our correspondent so aptly expressed it last week, 'a man should have a hobby, and bell ringing is a clean hobby as well as a very healthy exercise'—and Mrs. Groombridge ought to know, for husband, son and grandson are all ringers.

Bell ringing, however, is more than a hobby; it is one means by which men and women can render service, and when service is rendered, as it is in a great many cases among ringers, without reward, it is placed on a different plane to a mere pastime followed solely for the amusement that is got out of it. Most wives, we believe, would naturally encourage their men to have a useful hobby, and there can be few voluntary occupations which offer such opportunities for service, physical exercise and mental refreshment—and that should be the real purpose of any hobby—as church bell ringing. A wife who would see her husband's spare time usefully and cleanly employed could wish for him no better pursuit than ringing. In any case, the two spells of ringing on Sunday are acts of service which no woman, worthy the name of wife, would wish to prevent her husband giving to the church; the weekly practice she ought to be the first to encourage because every wife ought to desire to see her mate excel in anything he takes in hand, while the occasional Saturday peal is a piece of personal pleasure which no woman worth her salt should wish to deny her partner. 'All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy' it is said, and the man with a hobby which he exercises in reason makes a more contented husband, which in turn means a happier home. Every sensible wife realises this, and we believe the two ladies who have taken up the cudgels in our columns in support of bell ringing as a hobby for husbands reflect the opinion of the large majority of non-ringing wives; else there would not be so many happily married ringers. As far as recollection serves us,

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this is the first occasion upon which ringers' wives have publicly entered the lists in defence of ringing, and for that reason if for no other the correspondence has been of interest.

### TEN BELL PEALS.

BEVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 31, 1933, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt.

ARTHUR H. HOODLESS ... .. 1	CHRISTOPHER C. CONSTABLE ... 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... .. 2	ALBERT E. SELLERS ... .. 7
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... .. 3	JOHN CONSTABLE ... .. 8
CHARLES P. BRADLEY ... .. 4	JOHN W. HOBSON ... .. 9
FREDERICK OSGODBY ... .. 5	LEONARD RODMELL ... .. Tenor

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

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 2, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

H. BERNARD WELLS ... .. 1	RONALD H. DOVE ... .. 6
THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... .. 2	ALFRED J. TRAPPIITT ... .. 7
WALTER CLAYDON ... .. 3	FRANK JENNINGS ... .. 8
GEORGE F. HOAD ... .. 4	DANIEL COOPER ... .. 9
ALFRED J. CLAYDON ... .. 5	FRANK E. DAREY ... .. Tenor

Composed by EDGAR BENNETT. Conducted by A. J. TRAPPIITT.

Arranged and rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Jessie Melville and Mr. G. H. Kippin, general secretary of the Surrey Association, who were married at Guildford earlier in the day. Bride and bridegroom are both Sunday service members at this church.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 2, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 12 lb.

ALBERT HARMAN ... .. 1	W. CYRIL SMITH ... .. 6
JOHN BEAMS ... .. 2	JOHN HOYLE ... .. 7
WILLIAM J. WHITING ... .. 3	ARTHUR H. SMITH ... .. 8
ARTHUR C. OTWAY ... .. 4	ALFRED B. PECK ... .. 9
RICHARD V. FULLER ... .. 5	ALAN R. PINK ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Alfred H. Winch (a member of the local band) and Miss Edith P. Dilley, which took place at this church, and of the wedding of Mr. Charles H. Kippin (hon. secretary of the Surrey Association) and Miss Jessie M. Melville, which was solemnised at Guildford, both ceremonies taking place on the above date. The band take this opportunity of wishing them and their respective partners long life and happiness. First 10-bell peal as conductor.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, August 24, 1933, in Three Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Holt's TEN-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

GEORGE VINNICOMBE ... .. 1	JOHN W. SANGWIN ... .. 5
CHARLES SANGWIN ... .. 2	FREDERICK SANGWIN ... .. 6
JAMES JORDAN ... .. 3	THOMAS G. MYERS ... .. 7
A. WILLIAM MYERS ... .. 4	FREDERICK PROUSE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

First peal on the bells, which were cast and hung by J. Taylor and Co. in 1911.

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## SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, August 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6008 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ERNEST T. ALLAWAY ... ..	Treble	ALBERT D. COLLINS ... ..	5
WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... ..	2	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... ..	6
DAVID HINGLEY ... ..	3	NORMAN G. LEECH ... ..	7
ARTHUR HINGLEY ... ..	4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ...	Tenor

Composed by GEO. HUGHES. Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

This peal, which contains all the combinations of 4.5.6 in 5.6, was arranged and rung as a compliment to the composer and as a birthday compliment to Mr. David Hingley.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 28, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6068 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in F.

ERNEST MINGAY ... ..	Treble	AMBROSE MASON ... ..	5
CHARLES W. BURTON ... ..	2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT ... ..	6
*STANLEY A. PYE ... ..	3	†CHARLES BUTTON ... ..	7
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... ..	4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... ..	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise Major.

## LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 28, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK DIGBY ... ..	Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE ... ..	5
HARRY HOSKINS ... ..	2	ERNEST J. BUTLER ... ..	6
ERNEST BRETT ... ..	3	JAMES E. DAVIS ... ..	7
GEORGE R. PYE ... ..	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

## ROMFORD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 29, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edward,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6068 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER ... ..	Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS ... ..	5
ERNEST W. PYE ... ..	2	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... ..	6
ALFRED PYE ... ..	3	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... ..	7
GEORGE R. PYE ... ..	4	WILLIAM PYE ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

## ROCESTER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 30, 1933, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

A. J. PITMAN'S THREE-PART, No. 8.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD ... ..	Treble	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ... ..	5
MAURICE SWINFELD ... ..	2	CHARLES DRAPER ... ..	6
WALTER WALLACE ... ..	3	JAMES GEORGE ... ..	7
J. CHARLES DICKEN ... ..	4	JOSEPH BAILEY ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time. It has all the 6-7's, 7-4's and 4-6's at backstroke.

## NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

## THE DURHAM &amp; NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 1, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

KENNETH A. NICHOLSON ...	Treble	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... ..	5
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... ..	2	ADAM DEAS ... ..	6
JOHN ANDERSON ... ..	3	THOMAS H. REEVES ... ..	7
*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ...	4	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ...	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

\* First peal in the method. Mr. Birmingham hails from Slough.

## WITHAM, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 2, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6068 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

*WILLIAM BUTLER ... ..	Treble	JOHN MALYON ... ..	5
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... ..	2	GEORGE GREEN ... ..	6
*WILLIAM S. BUTLER ... ..	3	WALTER ARNOLD ... ..	7
*WILLIAM H. P. MELLINS ...	4	ARTHUR HEAD ... ..	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WALTER ARNOLD.

\* First peal of Surprise Major. First peal of Surprise Major on the bells.

## NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 2, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ...	Treble	WILLIAM FERNLEY ... ..	5
FRED DUNKERLEY ... ..	2	WILFRED MOSS ... ..	6
*JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. ...	3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ...	7
†JOHN WORTH ... ..	4	WILFRED STEVENSON ...	Tenor

Composed by Rev. EARLE BULWER. Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

\* First peal in method. † First peal of Triples in method. The ringer of the treble has now 'circled' the tower to eight different methods.

## WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 2, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

ROBERT J. DAWE ... ..	Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... ..	5
HENRY J. TUCKER ... ..	2	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ...	6
EDMUND H. LINDUP ... ..	3	ALFRED W. GROVES ... ..	7
FREDERICK A. BURNETT ...	4	THOMAS A. DOICK ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## CROWLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 2, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES CAMM ... ..	Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... ..	5
REGINALD ROWE ... ..	2	GORDON W. CHECKETTS ...	6
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... ..	3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... ..	7
FRANK LAWRENCE ... ..	4	*CECIL MOORE ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

\* First attempt for a peal. Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich.

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On Saturday, September 2, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

HUGH J. BALCOMBE ... .. Treble	GEORGE SINES ... .. 5
JOHN J. MAWBY ... .. 2	AMOS SMART ... .. 6
* WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... .. 3	WALTER PERKINS ... .. 7
ALFRED II. MARTIN ... .. 4	REUBEN TWELVETREE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

\* First peal in the method.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 2, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 27 lb. in E flat.

ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... .. Treble	ALBERT E. CHEESEMAN ... .. 5
MISS KATH. M. BRADFORD ... .. 2	AMOS W. CLARKE ... .. 6
FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... .. 3	ROYDON DAVIES ... .. 7
FRANK JEAL ... .. 4	TONY PRICE ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON.

Conducted by T. PRICE.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Charles H. Kippin and Miss Jessie M. Melville, which took place at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Guildford, the same day. The band take this opportunity of wishing them every success and happiness in their future life.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 2, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

Tenor 21½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. Treble	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ... .. 5
GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... .. 2	FREDERICK A. FINCH ... .. 6
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... .. 3	CHARLES F. SAYER ... .. 7
STANLEY COPLING ... .. 4	EDWIN R. GOATE ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 2, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM P. DEANE ... .. Treble	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH ... .. 5
WILLIAM RIGBY ... .. 2	CHARLES OLLIER ... .. 6
JOHN E. WHELDON ... .. 3	* JOHN FERNHEAD ... .. 7
* WILLIAM CARNWELL ... .. 4	THOMAS HURD ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by T. HURD.

\* First peal of Major. Rung in honour of the ringers of the 2nd and 6th. They started ringing together over 50 years ago, and this is the first peal that they have ever rung together.

DRIFHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 2, 1933, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM BARTON ... .. Treble	* GEOFFREY CROSSLEY ... .. 5
* EDWARD CRABTREE ... .. 2	TOM SMITH ... .. 6
JOSEPH THACKRAY ... .. 3	* JACK STITSON ... .. 7
* SIDNEY BARRON ... .. 4	WILLIAM AMBLER ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (415). Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.

\* First peal in the method. This composition is now rung for the first time.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 2, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN ARBON ... .. Treble	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ... .. 5
KEITH W. WHITTELL ... .. 2	SHELFORD SPARROW ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. GROOM ... .. 3	HARRY D. LISTER ... .. 7
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... .. 4	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

This band represents eight parishes of Suffolk.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 3, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. Treble	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... .. 5
ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... .. 6
GEORGE KENWARD ... .. 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 7
WILLIAM SPICE ... .. 4	WILLIAM GOREMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, who was Vicar of Millon Regis, Sittingbourne, from 1893 to 1900.

SIX BELL PEAL.

LLANGARRON, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 3, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DRINST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 20 six-scores, six 240's of Pitman's and five of Morris'.

Tenor 11 cwt.

REGINALD POSTON ... .. Treble	G. JAMES R. PRICE ... .. 4
CORNELIUS J. PARTRIDGE ... .. 2	JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 5
FRANK VOYCE ... .. 3	JOSEPH T. MORRIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

Rung to commemorate the bi-centenary of the bells, 1733-1933.

HANDBELL PEAL.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 28, 1933, in Two Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT 1, SALTERS ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN ANDERSON ... .. 1-2	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... .. 5-6
WILLIAM H. BARBER ... .. 3-4	ADAM DEAS ... .. 7-8

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Anderson, president of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, and Mr. Joseph E. R. Keen, Deputy Ringing Master of Newcastle Cathedral Guild.

SURFLEET RINGERS' OUTING.

On Wednesday, August 30th, Surfleet ringers, together with wives or lady friends (one of the latter being very 'boyishly' dressed), set out by bus for Hunstanton. The first stop was at King's Lynn, when two of the band thought it more profitable to sell ice-cream, and were caught in the act by the well-known 'Movies' photographer. Luckily no police were on the scene, as neither of the ringers had a licence.

After staying at Sandringham for a short time and viewing the gardens, they finally reached Hunstanton in time for lunch, where they were joined by the Vicar (Rev. G. H. Clark) and Mrs. Clark.

The majority of the ringers found their way to the bathing pool, and the 'annual' bath was enjoyed very much.

After spending a most enjoyable day by the sea, the party arrived home in good 'spirits' about 11 p.m.

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## RINGERS' BIG EXCURSION PARTY.

## INTERESTING TOUR AMONG EAST ANGLIAN CHURCHES.

A party of nearly fifty enjoyed a pleasant day's outing on Saturday, August 26th, when, in ideal weather, the Loughton and Woodford ringers, who were joined by Mr. W. H. Theobald and Mr. J. Moule, of Leytonstone, toured some of the interesting parts of Essex, Cambridgeshire and Suffolk. The 'right away' was sounded at 8 a.m., and an enjoyable run was made first to Newmarket. As the coaches sped along eager eyes were focused on the towers of Harlow, Sawbridgeworth, Bishop's Stortford, Newport, and Saffron Walden, each in turn claiming favourable comments from those who had had touches on their respective bells. Graceful stepping thoroughbreds, with their trainers in attendance, brought Newmarket very near, and by 10.30 St. Mary's Church was reached.

Mr. O. A. Moody, a member of the local band for forty years, welcomed the party, and later on the Rev. J. Pranker, M.A., joined in the friendly greeting. Touches of Kent Treble Bob and Grandsire Doubles were rung on a mellow-sounding six, tenor 21 cwt. The second and third both date back to 1580, and the treble and fourth to 1619.

The church is in a good state of preservation, much of it having been rebuilt in the middle of the nineteenth century. The tower, built of flint with a dressing of stone, dates back to the early part of the fifteenth century, and is surmounted with a wooden spire. At the south-east corner of the tower is a small open wooden cot, containing bell, erected about two centuries later. Affixed to the north wall is a small purse found about the year 1500 on the piscina. It contained three Rechening Pfoonnigs, or Nuremberg Jettons, bearing the name of Hans Schultz, who is reputed to be one of the first makers of counters. Similar purses were used for the distribution of Maundy money up to the time of Charles II. Stained-glass windows, cleverly executed by Christopher Webb, beautify the interior, whilst the side chapel on the north side has an added adornment in the lovely painting, 'Christ Entering into Jerusalem,' by J. Wood.

A quick run soon brought the party to Bury St. Edmunds, one of Suffolk's most interesting towns. Mr. J. Chinery and the vergier extended a hearty welcome at St. James', the Cathedral Church since 1913. Touches of Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Caters were rung on a fine sounding peal of ten, tenor 30 cwt., which is in keeping with the exquisite Norman tower, a 'moniment of antiquitie,' erected a short distance away from the church. Well may Bury St. Edmunds be proud of such a structure, claimed to be the finest of its type in Europe. It is 88ft. high and 36ft. square, with walls nearly 6ft. thick built with rubble and boulder, and faced with Barnac stone. The church is lofty and spacious, built in the Perpendicular style. The chancel is in the Decorated style.

Dinner was taken at the White Lion, all doing justice to a real Suffolk menu.

Lavenham was the next objective, one that aroused great interest among the ringers, for the picturesque of this one-time cloth exporting town is only excelled by the magnificent Church of SS. Peter and Paul, and the rich sounding peal of bells, one of the finest peals of eight in the land, tenor 23 cwt. A party from St. Martin's-in-the-Fields had just finished their touches when Mr. A. Symonds extended a genial welcome to the newcomers. A bare hour seemed far too short a time to spend in such a tower. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung and well struck. The tenor, cast by Miles Gray in 1625, must be the envy of all bell founders! The tower, built about 1435, is worthy of such a peal. It is majestic, rising to 141ft. No pains were spared to use the best of materials, and Barnac stone and Brandon flint are both in evidence. Strong buttresses give strength and beauty to this crowning glory of an outstanding edifice.

Many took the opportunity of viewing the landscape from its top, a panorama of broad acres. The nave was built a short time after the tower, and was considered by Pugin, the noted English architect, to be the finest piece of late perpendicular work in existence. Rectors have in turn done much to maintain the glories of the interior, but none has rendered greater service than the Rev. G. H. Lennox-Conyngham, who, a few years ago, discovered that the great beams of the roof had been attacked by the death watch beetle and the roof was declared unsafe. The necessary repair work was skilfully carried out by local workmen. Both aisles contain parcloes, built round the tombs of Thomas Spring, and John, seventh Earl of Oxford. Much was done to beautify the church by their descendants. In 'Lavenham Church and Town,' by the Rev. G. H. Lennox-Conyngham, some interesting facts are recorded about Thomas Spring (1456-1523). His character became tainted through dishonest trading in cloth. On his request a general pardon was granted in 1508 by Henry VII.

Great Dunmow was reached via Sudbury, Halstead and Braintree, and a refreshing tea at the Angel and Harp was quickly served.

At the conclusion, Mr. W. Rule and Mr. J. Chalk voiced the thanks of the visitors and ringers respectively to Mr. J. Rann (Loughton) and to Mr. C. Moss (Woodford), the organisers of a very successful outing, and to Sergt. Thorpe for his directing activities throughout the day. Mr. J. Rann and Mr. Moss both suitably replied, and again offered their services and gave a hearty invitation to all present to join in the next function.

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## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

## DORCHESTER BRANCH TOUR IN FROME VALLEY.

Although 12 days only had elapsed since holding the last meeting of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild at Milton Abbey, a very successful gathering was held at Frampton on Thursday of last week, and was well attended by representatives from Bradford Peverell, Charminster, Dorchester, Frampton, Sydling, Stratton, Upwey, Wool and Wyke Regis. Several members met at St. Peter's, Dorchester, at 2 p.m., where they were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Perrons (Coventry) and Messrs. J. and J. P. Keyte (Charlbury, Oxon). They first motored to Charminster (where they were welcomed by the Vicar), and rang a few touches on the six bells. The next call was at Maiden Newton, where some touches of Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob were brought round. Cattistock was the next place of call, and here the carillon of 35 bells was inspected. Afterwards a few touches of Grandsire Triples were brought round on the peal of eight rung for ringing.

The company proceeded to Frampton, where the Guild service was held, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. G. Wynne), assisted by the Rev. E. S. Tarrant (chairman of the branch). Afterwards tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, was enjoyed in ideal weather on the lawns. Forty-two members were present.

A short business meeting followed, the Rev. E. S. Tarrant presiding. Messrs. F. Gale and B. Fine (Charminster), L. Tiffin and L. Riddick (Frampton), J. Coombs (Wool), B. Miller and R. Willsbire (Wyke Regis) were elected ringing members.

The Hon. Secretary announced this would be the last of the summer meetings, but he hoped to continue with some practice meetings. The annual meeting would be held at St. Peter's, Dorchester.

The Chairman gave a warm welcome to their visitors, and said it was always a pleasure to see them come to Dorset. Messrs. Perrons and Keyte acknowledged the cordial welcome, and said it would be reciprocated if any of the members of the Salisbury Guild visited Coventry or Oxford.

A comprehensive vote of thanks, proposed by the chairman and seconded by the Rev. A. S. Bryant, was passed to all concerned, especial mention being made of the Vicar for his kind hospitality that day and on previous occasions. The Chairman said they had all enjoyed the tour of the Frome Valley and had admired the beautiful grounds of Frampton Vicarage.

This concluded the business, and the party enjoyed a stroll around the landscape gardens. The tower was again visited, and the local band (every member of which turned up) was given special attention, while another party motored to Maiden Newton and Cattistock. The final call was made at Sydling, where ringing concluded at 9.30 p.m.

## FAIRFORD RINGERS IN WILTSHIRE.

Fairford ringers had their annual outing on Saturday, August 26th. A start was made at 7.30 a.m., and Calne was reached before scheduled time. Ringing took place on the nice ring of eight at this church, and the conductor met an old friend from the North, who joined in the ringing. The next halt was Chippenham, but here the ringers could not strike these bells so well. At Bradford-on-Avon a call was made at the new church, St. Mary's, where there is a nice light peal of eight (tenor 12 cwt.), quite a ladies' peal. After lunch at the Three Gables (a seventeenth century house), ringing took place at the Parish Church (tenor 32 cwt.). The bells are a lovely toned peal that was much enjoyed. The ringing did not go so well at the next stop, Westbury (tenor 35 cwt.). Perhaps it was the fault of hands getting a little sore. The last ringing of the day was done at Devizes, which was reached at 6.30 p.m. The ringers were soon at home on the peal of eight at St. John's Church, and all the ringing went well. Mr. Hillier and an old Fairford ringer, Mr. G. Winter, were determined to make the visitors welcome and give them a good time, and this they did. After ringing, a supper was arranged at the Elm Tree. The party were also entertained with plenty of handbell ringing, Mr. Hillier ringing the first four bells to 120 Grandsire Doubles. Methods rung through the day were Grandsire and Stedman Trebles and Plain Bob Major. Home was reached at 11.30 p.m. after a most enjoyable day.

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Then followed a visit to the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, where Mr. W. H. Smith and Mr. A. Perry extended a warm welcome to all comers. Touches of Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and Kent Treble Bob Major, were rung on a well-sounding eight, tenor 23 cwt. The church, built mainly of flint, with a well-turreted tower, has many striking features. The interior shows that the fabric has been well looked after, and interesting additions made to beautify it. On the south wall there is the original Dunmow Charter, with seal affixed, granted by Philip and Mary, and a translation of it hanging beside it. Above the south porch is a parvis, which was probably used for staging religious plays. It is now used as a library. A very old disused stone font stands near the octagonal one now in use. The lofty west arch is thirteenth century.

The run home was interrupted by a minor coach trouble, but the waiting moments served to recall the many sights and sounds that had been enjoyed throughout a long and well-arranged tour.

All offer their sincere thanks to the incumbents for the use of the bells, and the ringers who greeted the party at the four towers visited.

## TOUCHES IN FIVE COUNTIES.

BY BERKSHIRE BWOYS AND GALS.

The ringers of the Municipal Church of St. Laurence in Reading had their annual outing one sunny day not long since, and very enjoyable everything was. They had the company of their Vicar, the Rev. R. H. A. Bullock, and left the biscuit town at 7.30 a.m. A fine run through Basingstoke and Winchester (where they could not ring owing to services) brought them to Hursley, where Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich were brought home. Then Romsey Abbey, with its glorious peal of eight, was much enjoyed both by the archaeologists and campanologists. Christchurch Priory was the next stop, and the fine peal of twelve were manned to a great extent by the 'gentle' sex. Here some good Grandsire and Stedman Cinques were much enjoyed.

Over the Dorset border they then went to ancient Wimborne Minster. Here a disappointment awaited them. The tenor clapper had broken the day previous, but still the bells were in the west tower, so after a dinner, which the children still talk about, they went up and essayed Grandsire Caters, with one of their famous tenormen pulling the chiming hammer up against the sound bow of the tenor. It was not a great success, as he claimed several more snatches than the rest of the ringers had pulls.

Going on to the county where it is said 'a man raked a pond for the moon' ('Nuff zed,' Mr. Editor!), Salisbury City was reached. St. Thomas' bells were, however, a little bit too much for them, but anyhow everyone had a pull (and a good tea), then to St. Martin's, and here Grandsire and Stedman and Plain Bob were rung as all methods should be. St. Edmund's was the last church on the programme, and a very fine peal of eight hang in the tower, but the band who banker for more than a 5,000 there are inclined to be 'greedy.'

A fine run to Newbury and a look in at the Wagon and Horses to see if any old friends were about, and on to Reading, which was reached at 11 p.m., brought another successful day to a close, but it does not bring the writer's literary labours to an end, for on Saturday last (September 2nd) the same 'irresponsible, irrepressible' crew boarded a land ship, licensed to carry 22 passengers, and got off to Uxbridge.

Ringing had been arranged at two Middlesex towers, St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, and St. John's, Hillingdon, and at both the ringing was good—Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich at the first-named, and Grandsire and Stedman and Treble Ten-in at the second. On again to High Wycombe, in Bucks, where the beautiful twelve were soon rolling out Cinques in the Grandsire and Stedman methods. All the 'hungry rabble' were well fed at the generous invitation of Mr. H. W. Smith, one of Reading's veterans, to whom all tendered most hearty thanks. Thanks are also hereby tendered to all old ringing friends who met the party at each tower. R. T. H.

## FUTILE PEALS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—There are many ways of looking at the question of peal ringing. Not every peal that is rung can be said to have done any good, and not every one can be termed 'futile.' There are many rung which are perfectly justified, and almost necessary to maintain the interest of those struggling on the bottom rungs of the ladder—ringers who, unless they can be kept interested, soon drift from the fold. There are also others rung at strange and outlandish towers, where there are no ringers or only call-change men, and do good if only to create new interest in the parish. In respect of the latter there is considerable room for improvement, and many more such peals might be rung.

On the other hand, there are a number of peals rung which serve little or no purpose beyond satisfying a few selfish bands who are out for peals simply for their own ends, peals such as those rung in the higher methods each week (and often twice or three times a week) by the same bands, bands who have got to the stage when they can ring Cambridge and London practically with their eyes shut. Such peals to my mind are 'futile' in the fullest sense of the word. It should be the ambition of every ringer, when he has reached that standard, to try and bring others up to his own level; but, unfortunately, many of this type of ringers are too apt to be governed by pride, and ring peals only for their own gain or to try and 'go one better' than their fellows.

The example set by Mr. Ernest Morris is one which should, and could, be followed by many others. Only a week ago he helped four struggling learners through their first peal of Grandsire Triples; a few days beforehand he had obliged several higher placed ringers with a pair of handbells through a peal of Stedman Cinques. I have rung peals of Doubles with him, and, some time ago, when I wanted a peal of Caters, he was equally as keen to oblige. And the same courtesy would be forthcoming at such a time that I felt capable of ringing in a peal of Maximus, or another of Minor or Doubles. How many of his standard do we find willing to step from one extreme to the other? The majority usually want the Surprise stuff and nothing else, and pick out the very best of towers to ring their peals in at that!

ANTI-SURPRISE MAJOR.

## SURREY ASSOCIATION'S SECRETARY MARRIED.

PRESENTATIONS AT BEDDINGTON.

The marriage took place at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Guildford, on Saturday, of Mr. Charles H. Kippin, of Beddington, and Miss Jessie Melville, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Melville, of Guildford. The bride was given in marriage by her father, and the bridesmaid was Miss Millicent Melville (sister of the bride). Mr. E. G. Talbot, a member of Beddington tower, was best man, and the Rev. H. D. Pilcher officiated at the ceremony.

Mr. Kippin is the popular hon. secretary of the Surrey Association, and leader at Beddington tower, where his bride has also been one of the Sunday service band.

The members of St. Mary's company gave the happy couple a canteen of silver-plated cutlery, which was handed to Mr. Kippin by the Rev. Whitcombe (in the unavoidable absence of the Rector) at the usual practice meeting on Thursday of last week. A large number of ringing friends attended, among them members of the committee of the Surrey Association. On behalf of the association Mr. F. E. Darby presented Mr. Kippin with a handsome dinner gong in the shape of a bell. This was of 5in. diameter, fitted with headstock and gudgeons. It is carried on two wrought-iron scroll brackets, mounted on an oval oak base, the oak being between 150 and 200 years old. The bell was suitably inscribed. It was cast and mounted by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

Mr. and Mrs. Kippin, who are spending their honeymoon in the Isle of Wight, were the recipients of many other presents and numerous messages of congratulation.

## RINGING IN THE ROYAL BOROUGH.

A real crowd turned up at Windsor for the August meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, the following counties being well represented: Beds, Berks, Bucks, Herts, Lancs, Lincs, Middlesex, Suffolk, at least one Cockney, and, in addition, the British Legion. Some of the merry wives were also there (to see what father liked so much?). Excalibur was found to be still as keen as ever, too. The numbers for tea were only just right, not one seat being empty. It was fortunate that the last one in was a 'fin' un,' though.

The methods rung were like the party, many, but we must mention Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol and London, as it is no good remembering where you forgot—afterwards.

Grateful thanks are accorded to Mr. T. Smith and Mr. W. Welling for their kind co-operation at their respective churches, also to the Editor for the 'middle page advertisement,' which played its part in the success of the meeting.

## 6,560 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

BY E. H. LEWIS.

23456 1 4 5 6

63425	S	S			
53462	S	S			
64352	S			S	
24365	S	S			
54326	S	S			
24356	S				
64325	S	S			
54362	S	S			
63452	S			S	
23465	S	S			
53426	S	S			
42635	S				

Four times repeated.

Rung as a 5,104 at Wrotham, Kent, on August 26th, 1933, by calling the first part:—

23456 1 4 5 6

63425	S	S			
24365	S			S	
54326	S	S			
24356	S				
64325	S	S			
23465	S			S	
53426	S	S			
42635	S				

And the third part:—

64523 1 4 5 6

25463	S			S	
24563	S				S
56342	S				

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Sunday, August 20th, for evening service at St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. E. Philbrick 1, E. C. Shepherd (Solihull) (conductor) 2, S. J. Philbrick (first quarter of Grandsire 'inside') 3, H. G. Keeley 4, G. H. Whitmore 5, F. Price 6, F. E. Blackmore 7, C. W. H. Powell 8.

**WIVES AND RINGING.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I am surprised that 'A Ringer's Wife' should object to such a clean and pleasant hobby as ringing for her husband. I consider it the best hobby a man can have, as more receive pleasure than torture from a peal of bells, but perhaps he is expected to stay at home on his half-day to do the washing, scrubbing, etc. As she remarks, he could make himself useful! My husband is also a ringer. I'm proud to be his wife, and whenever he is fortunate enough to be asked to take part in a peal I help him all I can, and wish him luck, and am always as disappointed as he, if he is unsuccessful, as his pleasures are mine also. I always find that the music and charm from a peal of bells brings some mystic, peaceful calm that nothing else conveys.

**'ANOTHER RINGER'S WIFE.'****WHAT 'THE MISSUS' SAID.**

The letters which have appeared in 'The Ringing World' on this subject are interesting and open out a new point of view for exponents of the art.

I have a 'go' sometimes, and on August 26th went for a wedding peal in the afternoon, with the result that 'the missus' had to go down the village by herself to do the shopping. A small boy rushed out of a passage and knocked her down, bruising her knee and smashing her glasses—cost, about five bob for repairs.

'If you had been with me to look after me instead of your old bellringing that would not have happened, so there, and that's that,' was her comment.

I have an invitation for another peal on September 16th, but, 'You are going to stay at home and gather my damsons,' says 'the missus.' So, brother strings, please sympathise with me.

**STAFFS RINGER.****KNUTSFORD BELLS.***To the Editor.*

Sir,—In view of the wonderful performance recently achieved at Knutsford it is most interesting to note that the fifth Lord Torrington, whose diary has recently been discovered, records a visit to Knutsford in the year 1790, and concludes an account of a church service there as follows: 'As for the Sermon, it had the Merit of being Short. The bells are very tuneable, and they practise ringing.'

**F. LL. EDWARDS.**

Kington Magna Rectory.

**MUFFLED BELLS FOR DUDLEY'S MAYOR.**

On Thursday evening, August 31st, at the Parish Church, Dudley, Worcestershire, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the memory of the late Alderman H. J. Golding (Mayor of Dudley), who was interred at Netherton earlier in the afternoon: Ronald Goodman (longest length in the method) 1, John Goodman, jun. (conductor) 2, George Hughes 3, Gilbert T. Guest 4, Herbert Sheppard 5, Cyril Winwood 6, Henry Goodman 7, George Boughey 8.

On Sunday morning, September 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,260 changes) in 57 minutes, with the bells half-muffled in connection with the memorial service held at Netherton for the late Mayor: Ronald Goodman (first quarter-peal of Caters and first attempt) 1, George Hughes 2, John Goodman, jun. (conductor), 3, Henry Goodman 4, Harry Goodman 5, Herbert Sheppard 6, Benjamin Gough 7, Cyril Winwood 8, Gilbert T. Guest 9, George Boughey 10.

At St. Andrew's Church, Netherton, on Sunday, September 3rd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (composed by James George) was specially rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of Alderman H. J. Golding, late Mayor of Dudley, who, during his lifetime, had held every office from chorister to Vicar's warden at this church, and was greatly respected by all in the borough: H. Hill 1, H. Shuck 2, H. Price 3, S. J. Hughes 4, H. Hubball 5, A. Prestidge, jun., 6, A. Rowley (conductor) 7, J. H. Davies 8.

**OLD BURTON RINGERS' REUNION.**

On Saturday, August 26th, at the invitation of Mr. W. W. Worthington, a few old Burton ringers again met at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, where a motor coach was waiting to take them on a very nice run to Earl Shilton, Burbage, Hinckley, finishing at Tamworth. Unfortunately, Mr. Worthington was unable to join the party owing to sudden illness in London.

A very convivial evening was spent at Tamworth.

The company, all of whom expressed regret at the enforced absence of their host, and hoped for his speedy recovery, passed a vote of thanks to Mr. Worthington and Mr. Swinfield for arranging such a nice outing, and to all those at the places visited who helped to make the excursion so enjoyable.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

A peal ringing tour is in progress this week in the Liverpool district.

The Parish Church bells and ringers' records provide a chapter in a new history of Dartford, written by Mr. Sidney Kilworth Keys. It is a volume of 727 pages, royal 8vo., with 250 illustrations, and is published at a guinea.

In the peal at Lutterworth reported last week the ringer of third was Richard J. Jackson, not Walter Williams as stated. The former took the latter's place at the last minute owing to unforeseen circumstances.

Strange things happen even in ringing affairs. Over fifty years ago William Rigby and Charles Ollier learned to ring together in Cheshire. After a lapse of more than half a century they have now rung their first peal together.

Mr. Alfred H. Winch, a member of the Leatherhead band, was married on Saturday to Miss Edith P. Dilley. Mr. Winch has long been a well-known figure in Surrey and London ringing circles, and his many friends will wish him and his bride long life and happiness.

## REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' MEMORIAL.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—May I ask your kind permission to publish the information that, so far, the faculty for augmenting and tuning Tewkesbury bells has not been passed.

We believe that it will be passed some time in September, and due notice will be given of the date that it is proposed to hold the dedication service. Will ringers please note my new address?

46, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol, 2.

EDGAR GUISE,

Hon. Secretary.

## 'PERSECUTORS OF THE HUMAN RACE.'

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Some time since going into one of the churches in the Thames Valley (Twickenham, I think), where the tower is used as a porch, I saw pinned up a paper whereon was written, 'Ne pas touchez ces cordes, s'il vous plait.' I wondered whether it was an appeal from a Continental gentleman to the ringers for mercy; and it reminded me of some very old lines I heard long ago:—

Persécuteurs du genre humain,  
Qui sonnez sans miséricorde,  
Que n'avez-vous au cou la corde  
Que vous tenez en votre main.

INCONNU.

## PINNER BELLS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Mr. Hibbert's letter in 'The Ringing World' is of that unfortunate type which would alienate the sympathy of non-ringers from bells and ringing.

Whatever the explanation of Mr. Plummer's mistake in the present case, his reputation as a capable musician needs no defence against Mr. Hibbert's discourteous insinuations, but it is only fair to point out, in addition, that Mr. Plummer is keenly interested in bells and ringing, and that in the hands of 'this sort of people' the art would be safe against all attempts to discontinue or curtail ringing.

I feel compelled to write this as I have better knowledge of Mr. Plummer's 'ear' and musical abilities than Mr. Hibbert, and can personally testify to his love of bells, having been a choirman and bellringer at St. Giles-in-the-Fields for some 12 years. Other members of our band to whom I have spoken have expressed a wish to be associated with me in regard to this letter.

Kensal Rise.

ALFRED HOWKINS.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the West Tyne Division was held at Newton Hall on August 26th, when about 20 members attended from Newcastle, Newton, Whickham, Chester-le-Street, Benfieldside, and Blaydon. Several touches were rung on the fine peal of six before tea, which was served in the picturesque village inn.

The President, Mr. J. Anderson, submitted the loyal toast, and Mr. W. Storey, in a neat speech, proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells.

Mr. R. W. Leighton was re-elected district secretary.

Handbell ringing was indulged in before returning to the tower, where the following methods were rung: Cambridge, London, Double Court, Oxford and Plain Bob.

## A FIRST ACHIEVEMENT.

At St. Guthbert's Church, Kirkby-in-Furness, on August 29th, 720 Bob Minor: W. Campbell 1, R. Marr 2, M. Stables 3, N. Campbell 4, J. A. Briggs (conductor) 5, H. Casson 6. This is the first 720 by a local band at this church. The achievement is the result of eighteen months' hard work. Practices have been held weekly, sometimes as many as three in a week. All the ringers are keen and eager to tackle fresh methods, and are very proud of this first successful effort.

## WHERE ENERGY GOES. FORCES THE RINGER HAS TO OVERCOME.

To the Editor.

Sir,—You rightly say in your leading article, in the last issue of 'The Ringing World,' that frictional resistance is only one factor contributing to the amount of work which a ringer must do. The various factors are as follows:—

1. *Friction of gudgeons.* I mentioned in my article a figure for the work to be done in the case of a 12 cwt. bell in plain bearings. To obtain an approximate figure for bells of other weights, the gudgeon diameter must be taken into account. Thus if the work to be done for a bell of 12 cwt. and  $1\frac{1}{8}$  inch diameter gudgeons is 2 foot pounds, the work required for a 30 cwt. bell with  $1\frac{5}{8}$  inch gudgeons would be  $2 \times \frac{30}{12} \times \frac{1\frac{5}{8}}{1\frac{1}{8}} \times \frac{1\frac{5}{8}}{1\frac{1}{8}} = 7.2$  foot pounds.

2. *Resistance of the air to the revolution of the bell.* This could be determined by experiment.

3. *Sound.* A certain amount of work is used up in distorting the bell by means of the clapper blow, causing it to vibrate and send out sound waves. This could also be determined approximately by experiment.

4. *Distortion of the frame and movement of the tower.* If the frame be not loose and the tower be normal, they can be treated as elastic structures, whose deflection is proportional to the force applied. The forces are known, and if the deflections can be measured the work done in causing the deflection =  $\frac{1}{2} P x$  where  $P$  is the maximum force applied and  $x$  is the maximum deflection. Should the frame or fittings be loose, impulsive forces are set up, whose magnitude cannot be calculated, and the work required could only be ascertained by experiment after all the other factors are known.

5. *Friction of clapper, roller, etc.* There are a number of items so small that normally they can be neglected.

6. *Changing the time of revolution.*

(a) In rounds, the only change in the time of revolution is that required for the open lead, which is to some extent automatically provided for by the fall of the rope as between backstroke and handstroke.

(b) In changes, there is the further alteration required to move the bell from one place to another by restricting or extending its swing. In both these cases the work required can be calculated for any particular bell at any predetermined rate of striking.

To the further consideration of these various factors I should like to return in the course of a few months if it is of sufficient general interest to your readers.

EDWIN H. LEWIS.

### A HOT JOB.

It is seldom that we read of a peal being rung in record time on bad going bells, yet such was the case in the peal rung at Llan-garron, Herefordshire, on Sunday, September 3rd. The bells are a peal by Rudhall, 1733, and being long waisted and loose on the headstocks had to be rung under 'set.' The weather being ideal for sun-bathing, it was a man's job to ring either bell, especially the third, but the ringers, having met specially to ring a bi-centenary peal, and some having travelled many miles, were determined to see it through. The peal took 2 hours 35 mins.

### A RECTOR'S DEPARTURE.

After evening service on Sunday, September 3rd, at St. Giles' Parish Church, Newcastle, Staffs, 504 Grandsire Triples was rung as a farewell to the Rector, Rev. L. J. Baggott (who is leaving to take up new duties at Clifton, Bristol), and to show the ringers' esteem for him: G. Holbrook 1, A. Vaughan 2, \*F. Foster 3, D. Steel 4, \*A. Thompson 5, H. Vaughan 6, C. Page 7, J. Weatherhill 8. \* First 504 in the method. The same ringers also rang 504 of Stedman Triples on Friday, September 1st, both touches being conducted by G. Page.

### DEVON GUILD'S NEW PRESIDENT.

REV. E. V. COX SUCCEEDS REV. E. S. POWELL.

The Devon Guild held a special meeting in Exeter on Saturday last to receive the resignation of the president, Rev. E. S. Powell, who is leaving the diocese, and to elect his successor. In definitely resigning his position, Mr. Powell expressed his deep regret at having to leave Devonshire after 30 years' residence, and the Guild of Ringers, after holding office first as secretary and later as president for a period of 20 years.

The Rev. E. V. Cox was nominated and unanimously elected to the office in succession to Rev. E. S. Powell, there being no other nomination.

In returning thanks, Mr. Cox said he accepted office with some trepidation, as he felt he had a difficult task in maintaining the prestige upheld by his predecessors, Col. Troyte, Rev. Maitland Kelly and the retiring president. He would, however, promise to do his best to promote the culture of change ringing, which he thought was now the main object of the Guild's existence. He appealed to branch secretaries to advertise their meetings in 'The Ringing World' to enable him to attend as many of these as he possibly could.

The Rev. E. V. Cox has held office previously as secretary and treasurer of the North-East Branch of the Guild for two years from its formation in 1920, and acted as general secretary of the Guild during its jubilee year, 1924. He has been instrumental in effecting bell restorations and training young bands at Bampton (Devon), Littleham-cum-Exmouth, and at Bramford Speke, near Exeter, his present incumbency.

### A DUNSTER JUBILEE.

BELFRY FINES FOR RINGERS' SICK FUND.

The Dunster 'Free Press' last week quoted the following from its issue of September 1st, 1883:—

'Dunster Guild of Change Ringers performed "a feat believed to be unsurpassed in the county of Somerset" when they rang at the parish church 5,040 changes in the Grandsire method in 3 hours and 8 minutes on the eight bells. The ringers were: J. Field, treble; W. Thorne, 2nd; J. Graham, 3rd; W. Thrush, 4th; C. B. Craze, 5th; R. Hole, 6th; Rev. J. U. Todd, 7th; J. Field, conductor; J. Payne, tenor.'

Only Mr. W. Thorne of this band survives. He now lives at Ockham, Surrey, but being on holiday in his native place he was able to take part in celebrating the jubilee. Unfortunately, Mr. Thorne has been in ill-health for some time, and a peal attempt was out of the question for him. With the local ringers, however, he took part in a 350 Grandsire Triples to commemorate the event, and afterwards touches were rung with ringers from Carhampton and Minehead, and Mr. Collett, of Oxford.

In connection with this jubilee a commentator in the Dunster 'Free Press' recalls that the peal rung by the Dunster Guild fifty years ago was 'a long time before the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers was formed, but they used to have Ringers' Guilds in those days. One of the earliest of the local guilds, I believe, was at Porlock. It was in existence nearly sixty years ago, and, what is rather interesting about them, they formed a post-office savings bank fund with a view to giving assistance to any member who should be sick or out of employment at any time.' 'This benevolent fund,' he adds, 'was embodied in rhymed belfry articles which hung, and still hang, I believe, in Milverton Church tower. It is laid down therein that anyone who chances to curse or swear must pay sixpence to the poor.'

'And whosoever a noise does make,

Or comes his glass to fill,

Must sixpence to the ringers take,

To help when they are ill.

If any overthrow a bell,

As that by chance he may,

Because he minds not ringing well,

He must this sixpence pay.

Or if a man of noble mind

Comes here to ring a bell,

He must a fee of shilling find

To keep us when unwell.

Since fines for sickness we intend

Kind friends, thine aid impart;

'Twill much an invalid befriend

And cheer the ringer's heart.'

### SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HADDENHAM, CAMBS.—For evening service at the Parish Church on August 27th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob: H. Collins 1, H. Sharp 2, G. Markwell 3, J. Lawrence 4, M. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

SOLIHULL.—On Sunday, August 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) in 52 mins.: W. Leeson 1, T. Warner 2, C. W. Bragg 3, H. Bragg 4, E. C. Shepherd (composer) 5, H. Shepherd 6, J. Bragg 7, S. Bragg 8, Roland Bragg (conductor) 9, A. Bragg 10. Also rung as a compliment to G. A. Martineau, Ringing Master, on his 72nd birthday. First quarter-peal on bells since recasting.

# WESTMORLAND AND CUMBERLAND. INCIDENTS OF THE NORTHERN TOUR.

(Continued from page 554.)

BY W. H. F.

'And thou, grey, friendly, sturdy Norman tower,  
That changelessly looks down on night and day,  
Art thou rejoiced to have thy sons once more  
And feel them shake thy stones in noisy play.'

J. A. SINKINSON.

Monday was 'bussing' day—a beautiful drive through the heart of lakeland, with ten-shilling railway tickets in our pockets; from Kendal to Windermere and Ambleside, and on again to Keswick and Crosthwaite, in the early morning sunshine. Passing alongside Windermere, the smooth surface of the lake reflected the distant woods and hills like a vast mirror. Why go to Italy to see Lake Como, when similar grandeur may be seen in Westmorland; or, again, to Lake Constance whilst Derwent Water remains in Cumbria? During our day's journey we had numerous company everywhere, excepting in church; it was the week of holidays for Lancashire and Yorkshire people. We hope they enjoyed the bells as much as we did during our stay.

Ambleside Church, like that of Kendal, is on the outskirts of the town, and hence such ready consent to our peals in the middle of the busy holiday season. It is a modern building in grey, hard, local stone, has a massive tower and lofty spire adjoining the chancel, and

to other church restoration work, and, like the dog and his bone, the offer was lost.

## AN S.O.S.

Dedicated to St. Kentigern, the church at Crosthwaite is a pleasant 1½ mile walk out from Keswick, and the graveyard is crowded with fir trees and shrubs, almost hiding the building—a pretty and poetical situation. The belfry on the ground floor and level with nave was cool with the trees outside shading the open west window. Here Mr. T. Hogarth had kindly made arrangements for us, and his deputy raised the bells ready. They are a light going, easy and musical octave, the old six cast by Warner and Sons, London, but since increased and rehung in 1925 by Taylor and Co., who say the tenor is 13 cwt. During our round of the churches on leaving the belfry we always found a pair of 'Doves' nestling in one of the pews, whose smiling faces spelt 'another peal' for the tourists. Mrs. Frank and Mrs. Albert had no blisters to show, although the teapots were very hot and very heavy, and the tea cups numerous on this tour.

There is a little story of one of the ladies which I ought to give for the benefit of the members of the Ladies' Guild. During the Bradford tour last year the whole band were kept waiting outside a certain church until evensong had concluded. When the clergyman left, out came the 'Dove,' a 'congregation' of one. The Vicar thought she was a parishioner, the team thought otherwise; however, an excellent peal was scored, and the conductor never said a cross word to his partner.



ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, WORKINGTON.

planned on similar lines to that of All Saints' Church, Ryde, I.O.W. Its bells, by Taylor and Co., are similar in heavy tone, weight and hanging. Ryde tenor is 27 cwt., Ambleside is nearly 34 cwt., and was cast in 1901. We were received by Mr. W. Robinson, one of the local stalwarts, who has done a good deal of spade work in the district for many years, beginning with the Kendal ringers, when Ambleside only had six bells (by Mears and Co., tenor 8 cwt., cast 1850-60) for their new church. Mr. Robinson's peals totalled 99, the same as his pupil, Mr. Jennings, who had taken half the time to overtake his tutor. The peal of Double Norwich Major was brought home in fine style, with our 'lightweight' (9st. 12lb.) on the tenor, turning it in in masterly fashion to secure a well deserved county record. Local men came to congratulate our backenders, one of whom should have been Mr. H. Chapman, of Keystone Burgundy history.

There was too brief an interval for lunch in the High Street, purchasing souvenirs, etc., before taking the express coach onward. Grasmere water and the church, beloved by Wordsworth, were passed, Helvellyn on one side and Langdale Pikes on the other, speeding over the mountainous roads amidst surroundings resembling scenery in North Wales. Grasmere Church, dedicated to St. Oswald, has three bells, rehung by Taylor in 1925 (tenor 13 cwt.), the treble being added in 1809 to two old bells of 1731 cast by E. Sellar, Ebor. These bear shields with the arms of the Fleming family, of Rydal Hall. It is said a prominent resident wished to place a new ring of six bells in the tower as a memorial to the poet. Unfortunately the church authorities thought the new bells would be too much of an innovation, but some people say they were anxious to turn the gift

Owing to the absentees, our 'hands' were too few, so an S.O.S. was sent out for Mr. James George, of Birmingham, and we had the good news that he was on the way, stranded with holiday traffic at Carnforth for the night, and would arrive in the morning in time for our 'next.' We duly reached Cockermouth about 10 o'clock, where, sad to relate, the Shepherd lost his 'flock' owing to the name of the 'pen' being wrongly given. Two temperance hotels here adjoin. The flock strayed to the Grassmoor, where they grazed in plenty, and the Shepherd to the Derwent. Someone politely said it was done purposely to avoid the Bucks 'mouth organ.'

## TWO FIRES RECALLED.

'Forty-eight years, strange to tell,  
He bore the bier and tolled the bell,  
And faithfully discharged his trust,  
In "earth to earth" and "dust to dust."'

Epitaph on John Broadbent, of Saddleworth.

Camden, the Elizabethan topographer, visited Cockermouth (c. 1590), and mentions in his 'Britannia' that the castle stood on one hill and the church on another opposite to it. He noticed the arms on the gateway of the castle, which was then partly ruinous. The castle suffered further damage in 1648, when it was held for King Charles, but taken and burnt by the Parliamentarians. The original parochial Chapel of All Saints may then be presumed to have been a Norman and Early English structure, first built by Waltheof, about the same time as the castle, and much enlarged, if not rebuilt, by William de Fortibus soon after 1215. The tower of this church actually remained standing until 1850, when it was destroyed by fire

with the entire church. Although the town policeman gave alarm at once, when at 1.30 a.m. he saw smoke and sparks issuing from the church, the fire gained rapid control and almost everything was destroyed, excepting the bare walls. The old ring of six bells, clock chimes, organ, pulpit, seats, fittings, and the galleries were all consumed. The foundations of the present church were laid in 1852, and the consecration ceremony performed by Lord Bishop of Chester in 1854.

It is a cruciform building in the Early English style by Mr. Joseph Clarke, of London, and the plan comprises chancel, nave with north and south aisles, north and south transepts, central tower with spire, north and south porches and vestry. The total length of the building is 122ft. (nave alone 70ft. by 60ft. high), and the topmost point of the spire is 180ft. from the ground. The bells are from Whitechapel, cast in 1856 by Mears and Stainbank, tenor 13 cwt., and played by a carillon every three hours. The east window of the chancel was erected by national subscription in 1853 to the memory of William Wordsworth, born 1770, a native of the town, the particulars being recorded on a brass plate on the tower pier facing the chancel. The ancient communion plate was preserved from the fire, the oldest piece, dated 1639, having been presented by Luke Pirry. In the year 1930 Canon Pankar's jubilee was observed with special thanksgiving services, presided over by the Bishop of Carlisle, and some 350 subscribers raised the sum of nearly £1,500 to benefit the living. Every winter one of the bells is rung at seven o'clock for five minutes, and a legend is attached to this 'evening bell,' as it is called, according to which a person who was benighted on the fells was guided to safety by the sound of All Saints' bells.

Mr. W. T. Holmes, local captain and hon. secretary of the Cumberland County Association, kindly met us. He is another of those 'stalwarts' who keep on pegging away at the ropes, and has conducted peals of Kent Major in several of the neighbouring towers. Our peal of Superlative here was begun at 9.30 a.m., but this attempt only lasted half an hour. At the second venture a good peal resulted. Rounds came up at 1.12, and the train onward was due out at 2.12. Fortunately I was on the 'reserve list,' and the lunch was expedited, bags sent to station, accounts paid up, and the train caught.

#### TWIN PEALS FROM WHITECHAPEL.

The train was half-hour late in arriving at Workington, but the usual 'stalwart' was found faithful to his trust when we arrived at St. Michael's Church, where our three attempts at Double Norwich Major were unavailing—something went wrong with the fittings of the third bell.

On Monday, January 17th, 1887, the church was destroyed by fire, and it was rebuilt and opened on April 24th, 1890. There was a nice ring of six in 1775, tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb., by T. Mears, recast in 1810, the total weight being 45 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. at the time of destruction. The older church, on the same site, was built in 1770. A few years later—Sunday, September 14th, 1775—the sailing boat, 'Olive Branch,' Captain Powe in charge, was anchored in the harbour. The captain was a well-known London merchant, and had arrived with a load of church bells, the peal for Workington and another for Cocker-mouth (so the story goes), after an eventful journey round England from the East of London. I think it should be Keswick and Workington, for both peals were founded in the same year by the same firm, with the tenors of same weight. The Rev. W. T. Addison held the living at Workington from 1753 to 1792, and in December, 1792, advertised the old bells for sale. They were described as being 'sound and suitable for a country church or chapel.' The list of Vicars begins in 1150. Pieces of masonry have been saved from the old church, and the stair door and base of the tower shows sections of late Norman work. For a modern building I have never seen one where the parapet walls were so marked by crenulations—on the tower, nave, chancel and aisles.

Our lost peal gave the party a certain amount of spare time. The train to Whitehaven was due away at six instead of eight o'clock, so the whole crowd 'bumped' the scales on Workington Station platform. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes, 12.5 and 12.4; Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, 12.7 and 12.11 respectively—a grand total weight of 50 stone at a penny a mile! Oh, dear! what about my next Midland dividend? The line on to Whitehaven, our next centre, runs beside the coast, and we had good views of the Irish Sea sparkling in the sunshine like gold.

(To be continued.)

#### RINGER'S DAUGHTER MARRIED IN SUDAN.

The marriage took place at All Saints' Cathedral, Khartum, Sudan, on August 27th, of Mr. Frank Crowther, M.Sc., A.R.C.S., D.I.C., of Gezira Research Station, Wad Medani, Sudan (younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Crowther, of Poplars Farm, Harpenden, Herts.), and Miss Beryl Edith Bond, B.A., of the Church Missionary Society, elder daughter of Mr. F. W. Bond, and the late Mrs. Bond, of Cirencester.

Mr. Bond is one of the ringers at Cirencester Parish Church, and in honour of the wedding a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Cirencester before evensong on Sunday, August 27th: F. W. Bond 1, H. L. Cooke 2, J. C. Eden 3, J. J. Jefferies (Worcester) 4, H. C. Bond 5, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 6, H. S. Parsons 7, F. J. Lewis, jun., 8.

#### SUNDAY PEAL RINGING.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Apropos the letter from 'Observer' in 'The Ringing World' of August 25th, raising the ethics of Sunday peal ringing, and, presumably, intended as a protest against a peal in which I took part at Orton on the 6th ult., may I be permitted to state that 'Observer's' contention re breaking the spirit of the Lord's Day by ringing a peal raises very wide issues in which I for one must agree to differ. I do not propose to trespass on your valuable space to any undue extent, or to enter into a lengthy discussion upon the religious aspect of the subject, but I should like to emphasise the point that in many cases the importance of a peal of bells in connection with church life and work is grossly misunderstood. Personally, I feel that they are as much a part of the church as the organ, and I would suggest that there is no fundamental difference between a band of ringers giving a peal or the organist rendering a Sunday recital.

Each is a component and necessary part of church life, and each has the furtherance of religious observance as their ultimate aim, and it seems rather unkind on the part of 'Observer' to infer that I and my distinguished colleagues, with whom I had the honour of ringing on the occasion referred to, should be lacking in a sense of what was fitting on the Sabbath Day. In addition, he makes the very absurd statement that we were 'peal ringing and tower grabbing mad,' surely an unfortunate choice of words, without any knowledge of the facts or local circumstances applying to the case. May I make it quite clear that I arranged the various towers for the tour, and that I was personally responsible for the Sunday peal.

Orton, where the peal took place, is an isolated hamlet in Westmorland, situated in the midst of the Shap and Ravenstonedale fells, with its parishioners very widely scattered. The church possesses a fine peal of eight bells, and I need not stress the point that in a parish of this description the predominant part of the male population are farm labourers, who frequently change their places every six months, and where the formation of a band of ringers is something of a problem for ordinary church services, and where facilities for peal ringing are unknown. I had on several occasions had it suggested to me by people in the parish that they would welcome the opportunity of hearing their bells rung as a peal, prompted, perhaps, by the following beautiful lines of Charles Lamb:—

'The cheerful Sabbath bells, wherever heard,  
Strike pleasant on the sense, most like the voice  
Of one, who from the far-off hills proclaims  
Tidings of good to Zion: chiefly when  
Their piercing tones fall sudden on the ear  
Of the contemplant, solitary man,  
Whom thoughts abstruse or high have chanced to lure  
Forth from the walks of men, revolving oft  
And oft again, hard matter, which eludes  
And baffles his pursuit—thought—sick and tired  
Of controversy, where no end appears,  
No clue to his research, the lonely man  
Half wishes for society again,  
Him, thus engaged, the Sabbath bells salute.  
Sudden! his heart awakes, his ears drink in  
The cheering music; his relenting soul  
Yearns after all the joys of social life,  
And softens with the love of human kind.'

However, when I arranged the towers for the tour I thought it would be an excellent opportunity of letting people in this isolated place have an opportunity of hearing accomplished exponents of the Exercise at work on their bells, and I can assure 'Observer' that it was very much appreciated by the people in these parts. There was no question of tower grabbing, nor the fact of adding a further peal for record purposes, for the majority of us would have preferred a quiet day among the Lakes. It was just a question of my friends obliging a request made to me repeatedly, and as it happened Sunday was the only available day.

There is much more that could be said, but I have already taken up too much space, but I would assure 'Observer' that his arguments have no foundation; in fact, further, that his aspersions would have carried more point, had they not appeared under the guise of a non-de-plume.

EDWIN JENNINGS.

15, Castle Oval, Kendal.

#### SILCHESTER SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was interested to find the Rev. E. B. James was in possession of compositions of peals, tenors together, in the above method. As there are only 21 true courses, tenors together, I should be pleased if Mr. James would publish one composition wherein the method was strictly adhered to, viz., every working bell ringing every portion of the course of the method.

I heartily agree it will tax the ingenuity of the best brains to produce peals, tenors together, in this method.

W. W. WOLSTENCROFT.

Ashton-under-Lyne.

## A NEWCASTLE WEDDING.

## HANDBELLS RUNG WHILE CAKE IS CUT.

Miss Sybil Routledge, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Routledge, of Jesmond Road, Newcastle, was married to the Rev. Francis Hedley, M.A., Vicar of Gosforth, on Saturday, September 2nd, at St. Nicholas' Cathedral, Newcastle, where Mr. Hedley was formerly curate.

The fully choral service was conducted by Canon Hedley, father of the bridegroom, and Holy Communion was administered by Canon Bateman Champain, Vicar of Newcastle.

Mr. Routledge is Ringing Master of the Cathedral Guild, and while the bridal procession was leaving the church members of the Guild rang a touch of Erin Cinques.

At the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Routledge, the ringers afterwards attended the reception, held in the Assembly Rooms, and the guests displayed great interest in a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells, which was rung as the bride cut the wedding cake.

In the evening an attempt for a peal of Cambridge on the Dixon eight at the Cathedral unfortunately came to grief after over an hour's very good ringing. The ringers were: A. Deas 1, J. Anderson 2, R. Park 3, R. A. Gofton, jun., 4, W. H. Barber 5, T. H. Reeves 6, W. N. Park 7, W. J. Davidson 8.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**HITCHIN.**—On Sunday, September 3rd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,344 changes): H. W. Houghton 1, A. E. Symonds 2, H. W. Else 3, John Hare 4, G. Wolfe 5, L. W. Houghton 6, T. Castle 7, D. C. Mears (composer and conductor) 8.

**WICKEN, NORTHERANTS.**—On Sunday, September 3rd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. J. Green (aged 12) 1, J. A. Green 2, L. Smith 3, G. Whitehead 4, R. Foddy 5, F. Case 6, T. Roberts (conductor) 7, H. O. Read 8. First quarter by the treble and tenor ringers.

**STONE, WORCS.**—On Sunday, September 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): William Payne 1, \*Frederick H. Oldnall 2, \*Charles Beresford Ward 3, \*Ernest George Lewis 4, Sidney O'C. Holloway (conductor) 5, Alfred Jones 6. \* First quarter-peal. † First of Doubles. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. Jones and a daughter to Mr. Payne.

**CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.**—On Sunday, September 3rd, at Christchurch Priory, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: A. Bishop 1, G. Preston 2, Miss P. Hodges 3, Miss M. Rouse 4, G. Street 5, F. Sparshott 6, F. E. Pitman (longest 'touch' as conductor) 7, H. Gillard 8.

**FRYERNING, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, September 3rd, the following 720's were rung: Before 11 a.m. matins, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob and 720 Cambridge Surprise; before 6.30 p.m. evensong, 720 Wells Surprise and 720 Oxford Treble Bob, the ringers being L. Camp, G. Camp, J. Sitch, E. Sitch, C. Harrington, H. Wright, and A. Bradley. The evening ringing was a farewell touch for the Rev. D. R. Ellis, of Ripley, Derbyshire, who had done holiday duty at St. Mary's for four Sundays. The visit he made to the ringing chamber was appreciated by St. Mary's ringers.

**HEMINGFORD ABBOTTS, HUNTS.**—On Sunday afternoon, September 3rd, for special Guides service at the Parish Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob: G. Whybrow 1, H. Sanders 2, M. Ginn 3, F. Warrington (conductor) 4, H. Lavender 5, J. Perkins 6.

**SUTTON, ELY, CAMBS.**—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, September 3rd, for evensong, 720 London Surprise Minor: C. Gimbert 1, R. Knights 2, F. G. Gleaves 3, M. Ginn 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, G. Few 6. Rung after an attempt for a quarter-peal in the same method.

**WESTBURY, WILTS.**—At the Church of All Saints, on Sunday evening, September 3rd, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 52 min.: \*P. Chapman 1, T. Holloway 2, \*R. H. Newton 3, J. Francis 4, \*F. A. Penn 5, W. C. West 6, A. P. Cannon, Forest Hill (conductor) 7, \*A. O. Wintmore 8 (tenor 35 cwt.). \* First quarter-peal of Major, and with the ringer of the 2nd are members of the local band. Believed to be the first quarter-peal of Major on the bells, although there have been two peals of Major. The 2nd heaviest peal of eight in the country.

**HADDENHAM, CAMBS.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, August 13th, 730 Oxford Treble Bob: H. Collins 1, H. Sharp 2, G. Markwell 3, J. Lawrence 4, M. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

## PROMISING YOUNG RINGERS!

On Sunday, August 27th, at Moorecocks, Brasted, Kent, 720 Bob Minor: H. Langdon 1-2, E. H. Lewis (conductor) 3-4, A. A. Hughes 5-6. First 720 of Minor 'in hand' by ringers of 1-2 and 5-6.

## NOTICES.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on the 21st, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 14th, \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 19th, Southwark Cathedral on the 28th; at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Dalston, on Saturday, September 9th. Bells from 3. Short service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. All members and friends welcomed. Next meeting at Willesden on October 7th.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Middleton-on-the-Wolds on Saturday, September 9th. Bells (6) available from two o'clock. Tea will be provided free.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Talaton (six bells) on Saturday, September 9th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Horsham on Saturday, September 9th. Tower open 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. Swift, Hon. Divisional Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.E. District.—Amended Notice.—A meeting will be held at Mistley on Sept. 9th. Bells available 2.30, service 4.30 and tea at 5 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible? All are welcome.—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Newenhoe.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. and tea at 5.30 p.m. in Kepier Schools. A hearty welcome to all ringers.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Water Street, West Hartlepool.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Derby on Saturday, Sept. 9th. The bells of St. Andrew's Church (10) will be available from 2.30 p.m., and in the evening. All ringers welcome. Outstanding subscriptions can be paid. Tea can be arranged from one shilling per head at King's Café, St. Peter's Street, for those who will send their names to me not later than Friday, Sept. 8th. Business meeting in belfry at 4.30 p.m. A peal tablet, given by E. Denison Taylor, Esq. (president) to commemorate the jubilee of the M.C.A., will be dedicated at 3.30 p.m., and it is hoped that as many ringers as possible, especially those who rang in the peal, will endeavour to be present.—Geo. Freebrey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Stanstead, near Long Melford, on Sept. 9th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at White Hart at 5 o'clock. Meeting follows.—H. G. Herbert, 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

**ELY ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Spaldwick on Sept. 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting.—H. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells (8) from 3.30 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30 in Church Hall. St. Mary's bells (8) available from 8 p.m.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—A meeting will be held at Douglas Parish Church, Parbold, on Saturday, September 9th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. Will members of 6-bell towers please make an effort to attend this meeting?—Norman Brown, Branch Sec.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District meeting at Ewhurst, Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Ilkley on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. All ringers welcome.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely.—Annual district meeting at Fulbourne, Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Six Bells Inn, by kind invitation of the Rector. Election of district officers and committee.—K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at East Ilsley on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at 1s. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Sherriffhales, Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m.—R. R. Pole, Assistant Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castlefields, Shrewsbury.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—N. Dorset Branch.—We request the pleasure of your company at our quarterly meeting at Fontmell Magna (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Shroton bells (6) also available.—E. V. Roe, Hon. Sec., Caundle Marsh Rectory, Sherborne, Dorset.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Sharnford on Saturday, September 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea (9d.) at 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Business to include consideration of suggested alteration of rules. Please attend in good numbers.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Farnworth, near Widnes, on Saturday, September 9th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Good attendance requested.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Steeple Claydon on Saturday, September 9th. Bells (6) available from 2.45 p.m. Guild service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 92, High Street, Winslow.

**STRETFORD, MANCHESTER.**—At 7.30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 14th, the Bishop of Manchester will dedicate the peal which has been restored and augmented to eight bells by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Twerton-on-Avon, on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by Sept. 13th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Central Branch.—A ringing meeting and thanksgiving service will be held at Sutton, Cambs, on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 3 p.m. or 7 p.m., most probable 7 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify Mr. G. Few, High Street, Sutton, Ely, Cambs, for tea. A hearty welcome extended to all.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Mill Road, Over, Cambs (my only address).

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—Next meeting at St. Leonard's, Streatham, Saturday, September 16th. Bells from 3.30 to 5.30. Tea and meeting Manor Arms. Further ringing, and probably Immanuel, till 8 p.m. Names for tea by 14th, please, to J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Ash on Saturday, September 16th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting in Church Room.—C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Reigate on Saturday, September 16th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Please notify for tea by September 12th to G. F. Hoad, Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Andover District.—Combined practice at St. Mary Bourne, Saturday, September 16th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Tea at five, for which please notify Mr. A. H. White, Barford, St. Mary Bourne.—Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next meeting is to be at Berkswell, near Coventry, on Saturday, September 16th. Bells (6), recently rehung, available during afternoon and evening. Tea provided.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—On Saturday, September 16th, a meeting will be held at Offley. Bells ready 3.15 p.m. Tea 5.30 at Green Man Inn. Bus service from Hitchin and Luton every twenty minutes. Make sure of your tea by sending me a card not later than Friday morning previous.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ansdell, near Lytham, on Saturday, Sept. 16th, at St. Joseph's R.C. Church (8 bells). Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 4.30. Visitors welcomed.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

**DEVON GUILD.**—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Kenn on Sept. 16th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5, 1s. each. Bands and visitors please notify me by Sept. 9th.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, St. Thomas, Exeter.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Rowley Regis Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells will be available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.15, with address by the Rev. H. Card (Vicar). Tea will follow, for which a small charge will be made. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to have tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, Sept. 13th?—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A general meeting of the association will be held at Howden on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d.) at 5 p.m. for all who notify Mr. J. W. Thompson, Neptune House, Pinfold Street, Howden, by Sept. 9th. General meeting afterwards. Buses leave Selby for Howden at half-past every even hour, and the last bus to Selby leaves Howden at 8.30 p.m. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid without further delay.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—A meeting will be held at Sherfield on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by Sept. 12th to Mr. F. Pearman, Sherfield Hall Gardens, Basingstoke.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Peterston-super-Ely on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells (6) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryon View, Newport, Mon.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the branch will be held at Stratton-St.-Margaret on Saturday, September 16th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 13th please.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.]

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Gilmorton on Saturday, September 16th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 1/- each, followed by business meeting. For tea please notify the undersigned by Thursday previous. All ringers and friends welcome.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36 Turner Road, Leicester.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—A meeting will be held at Lyme Regis on Saturday, September 16th. Bells (8) at 2.45. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow in the Church Hall. Please attend in good numbers. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 12th please.—C. H. Lathey, Sec., Adber, Middle Street, Bradpole.

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, September 16th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all ringers attending kindly notify me not later than Wednesday next. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

**ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Rye on Saturday, September 16th. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110 Canterbury Rd., Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Marple on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please notify Mr. J. B. Wood, Norbury Smithy, Marple, before Sept. 13th.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—North Norfolk Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hingham on Saturday, Sept. 16th, at 3 p.m.—W. B. Duncan, Branch Sec.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The dedication of the memorial (including the retuned ring of 8 bells with recast sixth) to the late Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O. (first hon. treasurer of the Guild), will take place at Woking Parish Church at 7.15 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 22nd. On Saturday, Sept. 23rd, members of the Guild are invited to take part in a special service at 3 p.m. at Old Woking, after which the bells will be open to all ringers. Tea (1s. each) at the Parish Hall at 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea must reach me not later than Wednesday, Sept. 20th.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Tickhill, near Rotherham, on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at 9d. per head. Business meeting in the Parish Room after tea. Please notify Mr. A. Hill, 41, Sunderland Street, Tickhill, near Rotherham, by the 20th. Tea cannot be guaranteed unless word is sent. Subscriptions for 1933 should be paid at this meeting.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION** will hold a quarterly meeting and six bell contest at New Mill on September 23rd. Draw 2.45 p.m. Will those who require tea (1/6 each) please send not later than September 16th.—L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec. 30 Bankfield View, Halifax.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Berkshire Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Brightwell, Berks, on Saturday, September 23rd. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Please notify by the 20th.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Earls Colne on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Will those intending to be present please notify me by Wednesday, 20th. This is most essential.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queens Road, Earls Colne.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Manchester Branch) and LADIES' GUILD (Northern District).**—A joint meeting of the above will be held by invitation of the Rector at St. Matthew's Church, Stretford (new ring of 8) on Saturday, September 23rd. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea (free) 4.45 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. For tea, you are specially requested to notify Mr. W. J. Moss, 38, Kendal Road, Stretford, not later than Wednesday, September 20th. Buses for Stretford leave Parker Street bus station, Piccadilly, Manchester, every few minutes.—L. Noel Cawthorne and Donald Brown, Hon. Secs.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Westbourne on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 at the Homey Cafe (1/3 each). All members intending being present please advise me by Wednesday previous to the meeting. Tower 1 mile north from Emsworth Station.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A special general meeting will be held at Oakham on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (8) at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged at 5 p.m. for those who send in their names to the general secretary by Tuesday, September 19th.—Robert G. Black, Gen. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, near Kettering.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this District will be held at Kilndown on Saturday, September 23rd. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea followed by business meeting after service. Members requiring tea must notify the Dis. Sec., not later than Tuesday, Sept. 19th.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11 Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—Amended Notice. Meeting at Great Totham (6 bells) on Saturday, September 30th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided for those notifying Mr. P. G. Sayer, Great Totham, Maldon, Essex, not later than September 27th.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Lancaster on Saturday, September 30th. Service at 4 p.m., when the address will be given by Rev. Canon Pollard, Vicar of Lancaster. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester, and A. Tomlinson, 188, Whalley Old Road, Blackburn, Hon. Secs.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The Jasper Whitfield Snowdon Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Windmill Hotel, York, on Saturday, October 14th. The chair will be taken by the president, Canon C. C. Marshall, at 6 p.m. All applications for tickets (4s. each) to be made to Mr. G. Horner, 91, Clifton Green, York, not later than the first post on Tuesday, October 10th. The Minster bells will be available from 1.30 p.m. to 4 p.m., and visitors staying at York over the week-end will be welcomed in the Minster belfry on the Sunday morning.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

**OXFORD SOCIETY.**—BICENTENARY CELEBRATION.—Saturday, Oct. 21st. Ringing in afternoon. Dinner 6 p.m. Social evening afterwards. Further particulars later.—V. Bennett, Hon. Sec.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—Preliminary Notice.—The second annual supper will be held on Saturday, Jan. 13th, 1934, at the Red Lion Hotel, High Street, Hounslow.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec.

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