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A GREAT ADVENTURE.

The proposed tour of a team of English ringers to Australia next autumn has now become a definite undertaking, and, all being well, the party will sail on September 14th. Their headquarters, while in the Commonwealth, will be at Melbourne, to which city they have been invited in order to take part in the Centenary celebrations which will reach their climax on Armistice Day, November 11th. In the face of this great 'adventure' all other ringing tours pale into insignificance. A week of peal ringing in some distant part of the country or even to Ireland or Scotland will seem but a tiny expedition in comparison with what lays before those who are going to the other side of the world. There may be ringers who have dreamed of such a tour, but few could have imagined that it would ever materialise. Distance and time, to say nothing of expense, are factors which have made a journey to this most distant part of the Empire appear absolutely out of the question, and yet, when a real opportunity occurs, with the incentive of taking part in a great event, a full complement of ringers has been found to make the long journey.

This tour, of course, will be different from the ordinary ringing tour in ways other than those already mentioned. Not only will it be far and away the greatest in point of period and distance, but peal ringing will not be the only object of the expedition. It is hoped that, while there will be opportunities to ring at a number of places—some of them where peals will, perhaps, be a physical impossibility on account of the condition of the bells—something may be done to stir up an interest so that the art of ringing in those places where it has decayed may be revived, and to bring about, if possible, a reconditioning of bells where it is needed, in order that the churches concerned may have the full use and advantage of the costly instruments now so sadly neglected. Above all, there is the cementing of the tie between ringers in Australia and those in the homeland, the bringing of new encouragement and, maybe, the stimulation of an enthusiasm which may have great results in time to come.

Hitherto there has been no organised 'invasion' of ringers in any country outside the British Isles, and any pioneer work that has been done has been by individual effort, at only rare intervals. The brief visit which the tour next autumn will make possible cannot be expected to work miracles, but the mere fact that a company is making a 25,000 miles' journey, merely because of their enthusiasm for the art of ringing, must surely show those connected with the churches in the Commonwealth that there is, after all, something well worth while in the

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propagation of this art. Australia is a continent nearly as big as the whole of the United States. It is a country of vast spaces. Perth and Melbourne, two of the places to be visited by the ringers, are nearly 2,000 miles apart. From Melbourne to Sydney the journey takes eighteen hours by express train—and there are no peals of bells between. If in the course of their stay of a month or so in Australia the tourists can make ten peal attempts they will be lucky. Except in about three instances—Melbourne, Hobart and Sydney, where bells are known to be in good order—they have no notion what they will be 'up against' in the material sense, but they do know they will receive the warmest of welcomes from the clergy and ringing brethren in the Commonwealth, and we feel sure they will take with them the good wishes of all the ringers in this country, not a few of whom, did circumstances permit, would give much to be able to join in the great adventure.

TEN BELL PEAL.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1934, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS. 5183 CHANGES!

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

ROYDON DAVIES... ..	...Trebble	*FRANK E. MITCHELL... ..	6
ALFRED J. TRAFFITT... ..	2	FRANK JENNINGS... ..	7
*RONALD A. TOFFIN... ..	3	AMOS W. CLARK... ..	8
*HARRY W. SIMMONS... ..	4	DANIEL D. COOPER... ..	9
ALBERT E. CHEESMAN... ..	5	EDWARD G. TALBOT... ..	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by D. D. COOPER.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal of Caters as conductor. Arranged and rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. F. W. Housden and Miss I. R. Kippin (both members of the local society), which was solemnised at the above church the same day.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 10, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.

*GEORGE ARCHER... ..	...Trebble	LESLIE G. BRETT... ..	5
ERIC G. BENNETT... ..	2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK... ..	6
*WILLIAM J. CLOVER... ..	3	T. WILLIAM LAST... ..	7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN... ..	4	*NOLAN GOLDEN... ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in the method. Conductor's first attempt to call a peal of London. First peal of London on the bells, and the greatest number of courses ever rung in the method in the county. Mr. Wm. R. Madgwick was elected a non-resident life member of the association before commencing the peal.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 14, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

RUSSELL W. CURSON... ..	...Trebble	ARTHUR G. BASON... ..	5
NOLAN GOLDEN... ..	2	WILLIAM J. CLOVER... ..	6
GEORGE MAYERS... ..	3	HENRY TOOKE... ..	7
GEORGE T. PEGNALL... ..	4	WALTER R. FARROW... ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

The first peal in the method to be rung with singles only containing the 4-5-6 only in 8th's at course end. The second is never in 5-6 at course ends.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 16, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ERNEST BRETT Treble	*JOHN G. NASH 5
HARRY HOSKINS 2	*HORACE BELCHER 6
*ALFRED J. HOUSE 3	JACK CRIPPS 7
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

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

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 16, 1934, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE W. ABLITT ... Treble	WILLIAM WATSEN 5
*EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... 2	SHELFORD SPARROW 6
KEITH W. WHITTELL ... 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 7
ARTHUR GRIMWELL 4	HARRY D. LISTER Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER

* First attempt for a peal. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. P. Whittell, of Bildeston; also as a birthday compliment to Mr. Capon, verger at this church.

ECCLES, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 16, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

WILLIAM PARKINSON ... Treble	STEPHEN PARRY 5
THOMAS JONES 2	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... 6
FRED DUNKERLEY 3	NORMAN HEAPS 7
WILFRED J. MOSS 4	ROBERT THOMAS Tenor

Conducted by N. HEAPS.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Mr. W. W. Heaps, late of Ilford.

ROCESTER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

G. LINDOFF'S SIX-PART, No. 27.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD ... Treble	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ... 5
MATRICE SWINFELD 2	ROBERT G. LEWIS 6
JOSEPH BAILEY 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
J. CHARLES DICKEN 4	JOHN CURTIS Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, June 22, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicholas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ... Treble	JOHN G. AMES 5
GEORGE LADD 2	ARTHUR J. FARR 6
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 7
WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH ... 4	SYDNEY E. ANDREW ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

Rung with the clappers half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Richard Mackman, one-time verger and steeplekeeper, and a member of the Elloe Deaneries Branch of the above Guild for 50 years.

GRAYFORD, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, June 22, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT ... Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 6
JOHN WHEADON 3	HARRY HOVERD 7
FRANCES HUMPHREY ... 4	ALFRED J. HOUSE Tenor

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

LYTHAM.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 22, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Cuthbert,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

*JONATHAN ALLAMSON, JUN. Treble	*JOHN BOARDMAN 5
CHARLES SHARPLES ... 2	PETER CROOK, JUN. 6
†GEORGE MARIES 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. 7
ARTHUR HEYWOOD 4	ARTHUR PRESTON Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung on the eve of the 40th birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, June 22, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

HENRY H. FLOWERS ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT 3
ALBERT R. WARD 2	FRANK TAYLOR 6
ARTHUR P. BRADING ... 3	WILLIAM UPTON 7
HENRY JENNINGS 4	*GEORGE WHITE Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal.

RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 23, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At the Parish Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

HENRY J. TUCKER ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
HENRY JENNINGS 2	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... 6
*ARTHUR P. BRADING ... 3	WILLIAM UPTON 7
*FRANK TAYLOR 4	ALBERT R. WARD Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
* First peal of Treble Bob and also first peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1934, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

ALFRED J. WYATT ... Treble	JOSEPH FOWLER 5
MISS IRENE L. HASTIE ... 2	*FRANK E. HANSFORD ... 6
ARTHUR H. REED 3	S. PERCY MERSON 7
DAVID G. TAYLOR 4	WILLIAM A. SIVIER Tenor

Conducted by S. P. MERSON.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung in honour of the birthday of the Prince of Wales.

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GRAVESEND.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*CYRIL W. HAMMOND... .. Treble	EDWARD H. SPICE 5
EDWARD J. BEER 2	RICHARD A. CONSTANT 6
JOHN WHEADON 3	STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK 7
JAMES BAILEY 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal of Double Norwich. Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

WHISTON, ROTHERHAM.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

WILLIE GREEN Treble	GEORGE LEE 5
NORMAN CHADDOCK 2	ARTHUR GILL 6
CHARLES E. POULINNEY 3	*HERBERT CHADDOCK... .. 7
SIDNEY BRIGGS 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM Tenor

Composed by W. H. BUCKINGHAM. Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM
* First peal. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Irene Chad-dock, sister of the ringers of 2nd and 7th.

WITHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

*REGINALD GRAINGER... .. Treble	FREDERICK RIDGWELL 5
GEORGE WIGHTMAN 2	FRANK CLAYDON... .. 6
WILLIAM KEEBLE 3	WALTER ARNOLD 7
PERCY GREEN 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

* First peal of Surprise Major. First peal in the method on the bells and quickest peal on the bells. Rung on the 40th birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the 30th birthday of Det.-Constable Wm. Green, brother of the ringer of the 4th; also as a compliment to the conductor and Mrs. Keeble on the anniversary of their wedding day, June 21st.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

CHALFORD, STROUD, GLOS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 14, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

PERCY RIDDIFORD Treble	PERCY PONTING 4
MRS. LAURA EAST 2	FREDERICK BLOWER 5
LESLIE BARRY 3	WILLIAM DEAN Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

First peal by all except the conductor on steel bells.

KNAPTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 16, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising twelve extents of Plain Bob (four variations of calling) and 30 extents of Grandsire (10 variations of callings).

Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in B flat.

*AUBREY LUBBOCK Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 3
CYRIL POOLEY 2	THOMAS FRANCIS 4
CLIFFORD T. BURTON Tenor	

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On Tuesday, April 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by the local band: C. Diplock 1, G. Mansbridge 2, H. Richardson 3, W. Stenning 4, G. Masters 5, G. Lucas 6, J. Fiest (conductor) 7, F. Jennings 8. All are Sunday service ringers.

LYONSHALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 16, 1934, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOSEPH BOWEN Treble	ALFRED GOODING 4
*DAVID DAVIES 2	WILLIAM RICHARDS 5
*WILFRED T. NORGROVE 3	*JAMES WILCE Tenor

Conducted by A. GOODING.

* First peal. First peal on the bells by a Sunday service band. Rung on and to commemorate the 100th birthday of Mrs. Stallard and a local resident. First peal as conductor.

HAPPISBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, College Single, Reverse and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

JOHN A. GODFREY Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 4
RUSSELL W. CURSON 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON 5
EDWARD HOWES 3	HENRY TOOKE Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in eight methods by all, on the bells and, in seven true extents, by the association.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

ROBERT BRETT-SMITH Treble	ISAAC EMERY... .. 4
*PERCY J. SPICE 2	CYRIL BRETT-SMITH 5
†ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 3	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in two methods. First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung on the 47th anniversary of Mr. I. Emery's first 120 on these bells. It is seven years since the last peal was rung here.

UPHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents called differently.

Tenor 11 cwt.

REG. C. H. CONNELLY Treble	JOHN W. FAITHFUL 4
WALTER LINTNER 2	GEORGE HUTCHINSON 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	JOHN A. HILL Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. HILL.

First peal as conductor. First peal of Minor for all, except Mr. Williams. First peal of Minor on the bells.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 21, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being fourteen six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in G.

*RONALD TAYLOR, age 12 Treble	GEORGE GILBERT 4
*JOHN E. TAYLOR, age 13 2	GORDON W. LIMMER... .. 5
GEORGE H. LIMMER 3	*JAMES TAYLOR, age 14 Tenor

Conducted by the BROTHERS LIMMER.

* First peal. Rung with eighteen changes of method, the conductors calling an equal number of six-scores of each method, and never more than two consecutive six-scores. First attempt as conductors. Arranged and rung for the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Pusey (grandparents of Ronald and James Taylor). All the band are Sunday service ringers at Burnham, Bucks.

SILEBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Cambridge Surprise, and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 23 cwt.

GEORGE A. NEWTON Treble	WALTER WHITE 4
REV. R. P. FARROW, M.A. ... 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 5
EDWARD C. GOBEY 3	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on these bells (the heaviest six in the county), recently augmented and rebung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. This is the 121st tower in the Leicester Diocese in which the conductor has rung peals of 5,000 and over. Rung on the anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. E. Morris.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1934, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

J. ROBINSON Treble	J. WALLIS, JUN. 4
J. WALLIS, SEN. 2	F. J. SANDERS 5
A. HOLMAN 3	H. R. THORPE Tenor

Conducted by H. R. THORPE.

Rung to celebrate the jubilee of the formation of the local band. Messrs. Robinson and Sanders are two of the original members. Mr. A. Holman has been a member for 47 years, and Mr. J. Wallis, sen., for 40.

ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY'S TOUR.

Favoured with ideal weather for ringing, St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, held their annual outing by motor coach on Saturday, June 23rd. The route took them to Saxlingham Nethergate, where Mr. W. L. Duffield, sen., met the party, Hethersett, East Dereham (where there are eight bells in a campanile detached from the church), North Elmham (noted for ruins of a minster dating from A.D. 900), Aylsham (ten bells), St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, where the first course of Superlative Maximus on this fine peal of twelve bells was rung, and Eye, which was reached shortly after 8 p.m. Handbell ringing at the White Horse, Stoke Ash, kept by Mine Host Aldous, ended another enjoyable outing. A touch was rung in many methods from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise Major.

The society wish to thank all incumbents and steeplekeepers for their co-operation and assistance towards making the outing so successful.

5.280 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

BY NOLAN GOLDEN.

23456	1	3	4	5	6	7	9
24356					S		
62354	S	S		S			S
43256			S		S		
42356					S		
25346		S		S		S	S
23546					S		
32564	S	S	S	S		S	S
35264					S		
62534	S				S		
45266			S		S		
42536					S		
35246	S				S		
32546					S		
23564	S	S	S	S		S	S

Twice repeated.

Reduced to 5,056 by calling a single at 4 in the 9th course of the second part which cuts out two courses. Rung in this form at Wymondham Abbey Church on Thursday, June 14th, 1934, conducted by the composer.

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OXFORD SOCIETY'S ANNUAL OUTING.

EXPEDITION TO SURREY.

Punctually at eight o'clock on the morning of Whitsun Monday 25 members of the Oxford Society left Oxford for their annual outing. The district chosen was Surrey, and the route had been selected not only for the beauty of the bells at the towers at which it was proposed to ring, but also on account of the magnificent scenery. The charabanc was comfortably full, and it was not found necessary to take advantage of Mr. R. A. (Tubby) Post's kind offer to sit on somebody's lap. The way led through Reading and Farnham, and via Hindhead, to Haslemere. A short halt was made at Hindhead for the purpose of admiring the Devil's Punchbowl (exterior) and the famous Huts Hotel (interior). Haslemere was reached at 11 a.m., where Mr. B. Hayes and Mr. F. Bowden, of the local band, were waiting to welcome the visitors.

On arrival, says our correspondent, several were heard to wonder that the tower could really contain ten bells, but there were no complaints as soon as the bells themselves were heard. The hour passed all too quickly with touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters, and a plain course of Cambridge, and then the party had to be off again to Petworth. On our way we passed through Cowdray Park, and arrived at Petworth at 12.45. The next call was 'Middle' (anatomically speaking), and all managed to get through three courses without difficulty. In spite of a good lunch, everybody was ready to ring by two o'clock, and enjoyed the fine peal of eight (tenor 18 cwt.). Mr. P. Vincent, the local captain, was there to greet us.

Leaving Petworth at 3 p.m., we made for Chiddingfold, an old-world village with a picturesque green nothing like our Gloucester Green at Oxford. We were welcomed by Mr. A. J. Bartlett, the local captain, and by Messrs. M. Smither and G. Luff, who gave us the pleasure of their assistance in the tower. It was now found that the three courses at Petworth, previously mentioned, had not been without result, and proof was given that discretion is the better part of valour, even in making a choice of sweet! However, the indisposition was only temporary, and by 4.30 p.m. we were all ready for tea, which was waiting for us at the Swan Hotel. Mr. R. A. (Leave-it-to-me) Post produced a brand new set of eight handbells, and with the aid of Messrs. Bartlett and Smither a touch of about three or four hundred Grandsire Triples was successfully accomplished. After tea Mr. W. G. (Didn't-I-tell-you-so?) Collett, late Master of the society, made a short and apt speech, saying how much all the members had enjoyed the expedition so far, and thanking all those who had had a hand in making the arrangements, especially mentioning Mr. J. P. (We-don't-do-it-like-that-at-Guildford) Pelloe, who had been instrumental in selecting the route and the towers for ringing.

Mr. Pelloe replied, expressing, on behalf of the other members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild present, the pleasure it gave them to welcome the Oxford Society to the Guildford district.

At 5.45 p.m. a move was made for Guildford, where we found Mr. W. R. Melville, the District Ringing Master, Mrs. Melville, their daughter, Mrs. C. H. Kippin, and Mr. W. J. Robinson, waiting for us at Holy Trinity, the Pro-Cathedral. These were undoubtedly the finest bells we had so far visited, and we deemed it a compliment to be told that we had got the compass of them. The enjoyment of our visit could only have been heightened had Mr. A. H. (Who-taught-you-to-handle-a-bell?) Pulling, who was unfortunately laid up with pleurisy, been able to be present, but we were pleased to hear from authoritative sources that he was on the road to recovery.

At 8 p.m. tracks were made for home, but the day's entertainment was not yet over. During the return journey we were enlivened by songs from our secretary, Mr. V. J. (Now-then-mind-you're-in-time) Bennett, and from Mr. G. Cooke, whose repertoire was seemingly inexhaustible; and by tunes on the handbells from Mr. R. A. (see-above) Post and Mr. J. Harris. It was a tired and happy band of ringers who reached Oxford that night at 11.45.

SOMERSET RECTOR'S DEPARTURE.

The ringers of North Cadbury, Somerset, made a presentation to their Rector, the Rev. R. Moline, on Sunday, May 27th, in the ringing chamber. The Rev. R. Moline, who has been appointed to All Saints, Poplar, London, E., came to North Cadbury from Australia five years ago, and immediately became interested in the activities of his ringers. He visited them most Sundays and managed to handle a bell enough to ring rounds. He was always present on New Year's Eve and read Tennyson's 'Ring out, wild bells,' and gave a word of encouragement, while the Rectory was open afterwards for refreshments.

He had not time to proceed much with change ringing, but understood the principles of the art, and was president of the Castle Cary Branch of the Bath and Wells Association.

The ringers of North Cadbury feel that they have lost a friend and a man, besides a parson, and his wholehearted joining in happy co-operation will not be easily forgotten among the ringers he has left behind.

W. A. O.

ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, BURNHAM. PROGRESS OF A YOUTHFUL BAND.

With the title of St. Peter's Society, a voluntary band was formed at Burnham, Bucks, in April, 1932. Previously this was a 'stone' tower. By recruiting from the choirboys a company has been steadily built up to ring and strike rounds properly for services. They have now arrived at the stage where they can ring a good course of Triples in more than one method in spite of the fact that there are only five members of the band over fourteen years of age, and there are only three members who have not taken part in a 5,000. Sunday morning and evening usually sees the whole band present; in fact, recruiting has had to stop temporarily. Little wonder that they are proud of their effort at Hitcham last week, when a peal of Doubles in three methods was rung with two conductors, the captain and deputy captain.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. A FRESH SIX-BELL TOWER.

A very enjoyable meeting of the South-Eastern Division was held at Danbury on Saturday, June 16th, when over 50 members and friends were present from Great Baddow, Broomfield, Burnham, Chelmsford, Fryerning, Ford End, Galleywood, Maldon, Prittlewell, Rettendon, Springfield, Great Totham and the local company. They were pleased to welcome Mr. E. J. Butler, the secretary of the South-Western Division, and Mrs. Butler.

Ringling commenced just before 3 p.m., the bells having been augmented to six recently by the addition of a new treble by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. A little difficulty was found by the ropes hanging in awkward positions, but these are being improved by bringing them through to the gallery.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. R. E. Fanshawe, who gave a very interesting address and welcomed the association to Danbury. Mrs. Fanshawe was at the organ. It was gratifying to see several of the parishioners at this service.

Tea was partaken of at the Village Hall, presided over by the Rector, accompanied by Mrs. Fanshawe. The Rector again extended a hearty welcome to the ringers, and hoped it was the first of many visits.

At the business meeting which followed, the District Master (Mr. H. W. Kinton) presided. The members stood in silence in memory of Mr. Harry Dawson, of Great Baddow, who recently passed away after a long illness.

The Rector was elected an honorary member of the association, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Rettendon on September 1st.

A vote of thanks was proposed to the Rector for the use of the bells, taking the service and presiding at tea, also to Mrs. Fanshawe for playing the organ and the local ringers and friends for providing and serving the tea, by the District Master, and carried unanimously.

Handbell ringing followed, after which a return was made to the tower, where ringing continued until 9 p.m. The opportunity was taken by several to walk round the Rectory gardens.

RINGERS' CRICKET MATCH.

ALDERSHOT BAND PROVIDE LADIES' AND GENTS' TEAMS.

There can be few bands of ringers that can put two teams into the cricket field, but the Aldershot company did so last week—and twelve aside at that! It was almost a ladies v. gents match, a side of ten ladies being augmented by two of the other sex. The game was played in Aldershot Park, and the gentlemen won what proved an exciting match by 17 runs. The gentlemen were handicapped by having to bowl underarm or overarm as desired by their opponents, and they also had to bat 'wrong-handed.' A 'feature' of the game was the deplorable fielding of the men! Betty Stewart, in addition to making top score in the match, took three wickets for 30; Doris Viggers landed four for 28, and Marjory Smith two for 22. There was great excitement over the game.

These mostly young people are just as keen over their ringing. Their average attendance on practice night is about 22, and most of the men and boys perform other duties in connection with the church besides ringing for service. Nearly all of them have graduated from the choir to the belfry when their voices 'broke,' and several have returned later to the choir stalls. Recently they provided and 'ran' a stall at the church bazaar.

The scores in the cricket match were:—

Ladies.—Miss A. Fisher b A. Cole 1; Miss N. Denyer b P. Connor 0; Miss G. Denyer b P. Connor 2; Miss D. Viggers b R. Whitford 13; Miss E. Southby b G. Challen 1; Miss B. Stewart b C. Denyer 21; Miss H. Mills b G. Challen 2; Miss M. Smith b C. Denyer 11; Mrs. Sargeant b R. Whitford 3; Miss M. Dickinson c A. Cole b P. Eldridge 0; J. Connor b P. Eldridge 3; E. Symonds not out 10; extras 11; total 78.

Gents.—P. Eldridge c and b Miss Viggers 19; R. J. Whitford run out 15; C. Denyer c Miss Stewart b Miss Smith 0; G. Challen b Miss Stewart 2; A. Cole st b Miss Stewart 9; T. Denyer b Miss Viggers 3; W. Denyer b Miss Smith 2; E. Gower c Symonds b Miss Viggers 2; R. Jones c Symonds b Miss Viggers 0; P. Connor run out 5; E. Aldridge run out 18; J. Le Chenninant b Miss Stewart 0; extras 20; total 95.

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Correction in first list.—Churchill tower should read Miss Marjorie Webb 5s. Contributions should be sent to the hon. treasurer, Mr. A. J. Wright, 31, Priest Hill, Caversham, Reading.

BELLRINGERS' JUGS AND PITCHERS (PAST & PRESENT)

BY ERNEST MORRIS, F.R.HIST.S.

It will be remembered that some time ago I issued an appeal through these columns for information, photos, etc., respecting ancient ringers' jugs, pitchers, gitchers, and the like. The result was most satisfactory and enlightening. I was able to get details of many of these quaint curiosities from the following places: Beccles, Braintree, Bungay, Cirencester, Clare, Crewe, Church Lawton, Crowle, Great Yarmouth, Grimley, Worcs, Garboldisham, Hadleigh, Hinderclay, Hornchurch, Ixworth, Kendall, Lincoln, Marlesfield, Norwich, Oxford, Salisbury, Stafford, Stowmarket, Swansea, Tamworth, Tawstock and Witcheampton.

I also obtained many fine photos and views of these relics. An article on the subject appeared in 'Apollo' (see issue June, 1933), where are some very fine illustrations, and in the same journal for March, 1933, a very good illustrated article on the Dorchester (Dorset) ringer's pewter flagon appears from the pen of Mr. H. H. Cotterell, F.R.Hist.S. If any of your readers can tell me of other specimens I shall be grateful.

NOW THE SEQUEL!

I have just received from an anonymous friend (whom here, now and forthwith I wish to thank sincerely) the gift of a unique ringer's jug, the like of which I have never seen before (and never shall again). It is of small dimensions, which leads me to think it must be a miniature copy of some older jug, for it most certainly could never quench the thirst of some of my Leicester friends, even if filled to overflowing many times over! It is elaborately inscribed and designed in colours on a background of gold, and a real work of art, for it has designs on its interior as well as exterior. The pottery is of 'Crown Derby' (at least it says so on its base), while above is the word 'Ebor,' and below the date 1641. Now, although I was for over two years in York during the war, and attached myself to the Minster Society, I never heard of nor saw a replica of this jug, even though I gathered much other historic stuff during my sojourn in that ancient city. On one side of the jug is a good view of St. Paul's Cathedral, and it may be possible (but highly improbable) that this 'object' once belonged to the ancient College Youths. However, nearby is the signature of Oliver Cromwell and date 1659, so perhaps he—in his despoliation of churches—collared this relic? Beneath the lip is 'Fab Sted—Patron.' On the reverse is a ringer ringing a bell 'set up.' On its interior is a bell at the base, within which is the initial E, and on the side a church tower and some hieroglyphs which at the moment I cannot decipher. On the lip is a (public?) house and the initials 'G.W.F.' The latter I cannot pretend to know, but doubtless they are those of the 'potty pottor.'

I thank my dear anonymous friend once more for this relic, which will be preserved along with the 'golden-wooden' bell I received last August.

BEDDINGTON RINGERS MARRIED.

The wedding took place on Saturday last at St. Mary's, Beddington, of Mr. Frederick Walter Housden, son of Mr. W. Housden (Saffron Walden) and Miss Ivy Rhoda Kippin, daughter of Mr. Chas. Kippin, sen. (Beddington).

The bride was given in marriage by her father. There were six bridesmaids, and Mr. Leonard E. Pitstow, of Saffron Walden, was best man. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. F. G. Witcomb.

Bride and bridegroom were presented with an oval mirror in chromium frame from the Beddington Society—of which they are both members—and were the recipients of many other presents.

Mr. and Mrs. Housden are spending their honeymoon at St. Ives.

LAVENHAM BENEDICTS LOSE THEIR CONDUCTOR.

The wedding was solemnised at St. Giles' Church, Camberwell, London, on June 2nd, between Mr. Maurice T. Symonds, of Lavenham, Suffolk, and Miss Margaret Harris, of Camberwell. This happy event robs the Lavenham 'single' band of their conductor, who is one of the well-known ringing family of Symonds.

The duties of best man were carried out by Mr. F. L. Leeks, late member of the Lavenham company.

The happy couple were the recipients of many presents, including on oak framed photograph of SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Lavenham, from the Lavenham ringers. A touch of Stedman Triples was rung in the evening at Lavenham to mark the event.

CHILVERS COTON RINGER'S WEDDING.

On Whit Monday, at All Saints' Church, Chilvers Coton, Mr. Charles E. Reyson, of the local band, was married to Miss Marjorie Craddock. As the couple left the church the bells rang out in rounds, interspersed with 'Queens' and 'Firing.' The local ringers were assisted by Mr. F. E. Dawe, and touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were also rung.

All the ringers attended the reception at the Newdegate Arms Hotel, and after the lunch a short musical programme followed, in which bells played a prominent part. Tunes were rung by Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Beamish and Miss M. V. Godderidge, the 'Rise and Fall' by Messrs. E. Stone, J. Moreton, J. Draycott, A. H. Beamish, Mrs. A. H. Beamish and Miss Godderidge, and a course of Grandsire Triples by Mrs. Beamish, F. E. Dawe, A. H. Beamish and E. Stone. Amongst the numerous presents was a set of carvers presented to the bridegroom by his fellow-ringers, with every good wish for the future.

BELLS HUNG FOR CHIMING.**YORKSHIRE RINGERS DEPLORE SKIPWORTH SCHEME.**

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Eserick on Saturday, June 16th, and was attended by 45 ringers from Beverley Minster and St. Mary's, Easingwold, Goole, Hemmingbrough, Hull, Kirk Ella, Patrington, Pontefract, St. Giles' and All Saints', Selby, Sutton-on-Hull, Thorne, Withernsea, and York.

The Rector, Rev. C. H. B. Trollope, M.A., gave the address at the service in St. Helen's Church. Tea in the Black Bull Inn was followed by the business meeting on the Rectory lawn, presided over by the Rector.

Four new members were elected, viz., Messrs. H. Mellor, of Pontefract, G. Pearcey, of Patrington, and G. Gardner and J. Johnson, of Goole. Several places were suggested for the September meeting, and, on a vote being taken, Hedon was selected by a large majority.

The Secretary mentioned that the neighbouring parish of Skipworth were to have their bells increased from three to six, but regretted to report the three new bells were only being put in for chiming. As this was the second instance of bells being put in in this manner in the past few years in the neighbourhood, he proposed writing the Vicar of Skipworth deploring the action, and asking if something could be done to have them hung for ringing.—A resolution was unanimously passed, endorsing the secretary's suggestion to write the Vicar on the matter.

This letter has since been written.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector was proposed by Mr. F. Cryer, seconded by Mr. Abraham Haigh, the veteran York Minster ringer, to which the Rector replied welcoming the association to Eserick, and hoping they would come again soon. He also promised to convey the company's thanks to the organist who played at the service.

A vote of thanks was passed to the secretary for all the arrangements he had made for the meeting. Unfortunately, only one of the local company was present. He was a learner. The remainder were away playing cricket.

Further ringing concluded a most enjoyable meeting on a glorious June day. The methods rung included Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford and Spliced Treble Bob, Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and rounds for some other ringers.

Further ringing books have been received from Mr. A. N. Wood, of Northampton, and the secretary has written to thank him for his extreme kindness to the members of the Eastern District.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Who has been the youngest conductor to call a peal for the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild? John A. Hill has just called a peal of Bob Minor at the age of 19.

Lavenham will celebrate its 123rd ringing anniversary to-morrow in conjunction with the meeting of the Suffolk Guild.

In the report of the annual meeting of the Sussex Association at Hastings, the name of Mr. G. H. Howse appeared as one of the trustees. It should have read Mr. G. W. Stokes.

The peal of Treble Bob at West Hallam, reported in last week's issue, should be credited to the Midland Counties Association.

By the peal at Sileby, Leicestershire, Mr. Ernest Morris completes 121 towers in the Leicester Diocese, 120 of which are actually in the county. This includes 'turning in' the tenors of heaviest rings of five (Broughton Ashley, 19 cwt.), 6 (Sileby, 23 cwt.), 8 (St. Saviour's, Leicester, 25½ cwt.), 10 (Loughborough, 30½ cwt.), and 12 (St. Margaret's, Leicester, 33 cwt.).

Mr. Maurice Smith, of Banbury, is now in Bed 2, Ewing Ward, St. George's Hospital, London, whither he was hurriedly removed from his home last week. He has suffered intensely, and has been operated on. His many friends will wish him speedy and complete recovery.

Last Saturday a peal of Stedman Cinques was lost at Southwark Cathedral through the breaking of a rope, after 3½ hours' ringing and with only eight sixes to go!

BROADCASTING FROM RIPON. CONGRATULATIONS FROM AMERICA.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I should like to correct a statement made by Mr. G. R. Newton and reported in the proceedings of the Central Council under the heading 'Broadcasting' in your issue of June 15th. He refers to the absence of the bells from the service broadcast from Ripon Cathedral on Whit Sunday. The bells were heard for a few minutes before the service, although this fact was not advertised in 'The Radio Times,' and would therefore probably be missed by many ringers.

It may be of interest to your readers to know that the bells were also broadcast to America later on the same evening, in connection with a relay broadcast from here, in which the Dean of Ripon, the Mayor, the hornblower, the Cathedral choir, and the bells all took part. I have just received two postcards of congratulation on our efforts. These are extracts from them:—

'Many thanks for the pleasure of hearing the sweet sound of the bells you rang far away in Yorkshire. It was a hot day when your concert was broadcast, and the time was ten minutes before noon on Sunday. We hope sometime again to hear the bells and the singers in Ripon. Greetings from Sunny California.—W. E. Hall.'

'My sister and I greatly enjoyed your part in the Ripon broadcast. Some months ago we heard "Big Ben" by radio broadcast, and the one from Ripon came in equally clear.—From Avalon, Catalina Island.'

May I add that the North Regional engineers were quite satisfied with the broadcast to English stations, and also the one to America.

FREDERICK TINGLE.

62, Southgate, Ripon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH BUCKS BRANCH GRANTS.

A most enjoyable afternoon was spent at Newport Pagnell, on the occasion of the annual festival of North Bucks Branch. The fine weather and a good attendance made the meeting quite a success. The following towers were represented: Bletchley, Bradwell, Chicheley, Fenny Stratford, Great Linford, Newton Longville, Olney, Stony Stratford, Simpson, Stoke Goldington, Whaddon, Milton Keynes and the local ringers, with visitors from Bucklebury, Abingdon, Oxford and Leighton. The bells were going in good time in various methods, and service was conducted by the Rev. H. Adam Byard, Vicar of Newport Pagnell and chairman of the branch. A very interesting address was given by the Rev. Fulmer, Rector of Clifton Keynes. Tea was served in the schoolroom, where nearly 70 partook of the good things provided.

The business of the branch was afterwards transacted. The secretary gave a report on the financial position of the branch, which showed that it was in a sound condition, with £10 invested and a balance of £13 19s. in hand. There is a membership of 195, and 27 towers belong to the Guild. The secretary spoke on matters of grants which had come before him, and after discussion the following were made: Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn memorial fund £5 5s., Milton Keynes bell fund £3 3s., Stoke Goldington bell fund £2.

Both the Rev. H. Adam Byard (chairman) and Mr. W. Fear (secretary and treasurer) were re-elected.

The Rev. C. E. Wigg (Deputy Master) and Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary) expressed their appreciation of the good meeting and congratulated the branch upon its healthy condition generally.—A letter of apology was read by the secretary from Mr. A. J. Wright (Guild treasurer), who was not able to attend.

Votes of thanks were proposed by the chairman to the preacher and to the ladies for providing tea. The methods rung during the day ranged from Grandsire and Stedman Triples to Cambridge Major.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 394.)

FURTHER DISCUSSION ON PEALS OF MINOR.

Mr. S. H. Wood, continuing the debate on the motion regarding peals on the Bankes James plan, said he had intended to support the motion, but after hearing some of the speeches he began to have doubts. According to Mr. Hunt the mover of the resolution was very artful and said one thing in his paper and something else at the Council meeting (laughter). He also understood from Mr. Hunt that they ought not to listen to Mr. Trollope because he was only an honorary member and did not represent an association (laughter), but he (Mr. Wood) hoped they would not take any notice of that. Look at the people who had spoken against the motion! Mr. Hunt said he did not mind whether he started a peal at handstroke or backstroke; if so, why worry about a little thing like the Cambridge Minor (laughter). Mr. Wood said he could not answer Mr. Johnson, because the president had asked them not to talk about rounds being the first or the last row, but as regards opening the 'flood gates,' there had been proposals put forward that a peal should be considered true as long as every change occurred only seven times. Such a proposal as that did not figure in the motion that day, and it showed they were not trying to open the flood gates, but to stick to the Bankes James Arrangement. They need not take it for granted that the Council would pass anything that was proposed. If somebody proposed to let in something that was not acceptable he was sure Mr. Johnson would try and step into the breach and stop the flood. With regard to the Bankes James Arrangement, they might not want to ring it themselves. He did not know that he wanted to ring it, but he did not want to say that nobody else might. In ten years' time the people who voted against the motion that day would be a little bit sorry—the laugh would be on the other side. Mr. Sharman, continued Mr. Wood, had talked about progress and said he did not consider the Bankes James Arrangement was progress. He (Mr. Wood) could assure him that it was. Mr. Sharman had also said that other Minor ringers did not want to ring the Bankes James Minor. In 'The Ringing World' some weeks ago Mr. Joyce said he had heard from 60 or 70 Minor ringers in all parts of the country who did want to ring it. Mr. Wood asked the Council to support the motion.

Mr. J. W. Jones supported the motion for the reason that his friend Mr. A. J. Pitman assured him that it was perfectly true. They were not being asked to vote for anything that was false but to vote for a composition that was perfectly true.

Mr. T. Clarke said, although the Bankes James Arrangement as a whole might be a true peal, it would not stand the tests they could apply to other peals. If, for instance, they took a piece out of Thurstans' peal they would find it was true, but they could not take a 720 out of the Bankes James Arrangement and say it was true. They had rounds occurring at irregular intervals.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson said that point had been raised before. There was a danger of attaching too much importance to the row 123456. It had no more importance than any other. If they took the row 654321, for instance, what was true of rounds was true of that, or of any other row that they liked to take. If they fixed rounds to come at every 720 changes, then every other row that there was would occur at varying intervals, some of them much closer than 336 changes apart, unless they rang the same 720 over and over again. When they talked of change ringing they must not attach undue importance to one particular row; all rows were of equal importance (applause).

Mr. Clarke said he did not quite agree with the last speaker. His reason for objecting to this composition was that the Council's definition was that a 720 must start from and end with rounds.

Mr. W. A. Cave asked if it was a fact that the difference between an ordinary peal of seven 720's of Minor and the Bankes James Arrangement was that the one contained 123456 seven times, but in the Bankes James Arrangement they had rounds eight times, because they had to have it once at the start and once at the finish? If so the peal was false, although it might be theoretically true in 720's.

COUNCIL MIGHT LOOK FOOLISH.

Mr. C. T. Coles said it was fitting that they should be discussing that resolution in Warwickshire, because it was at Grendon in that county in 1923 that the composition was first rung. He reminded them of that fact mainly because it was eleven years since this peal was first before the Exercise, and every year there had been one or more performances of it published in the Analysis, yet there was no one there that day who had ever voted against the adoption of the table because it included peals on the Bankes James plan. The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson had suggested that the Council might make itself look exceedingly foolish in the future if it did not adopt that motion. He made the same remark last year, and he could not help saying that if they objected to the motion they would make themselves look exceedingly foolish that day by having omitted to move the reference back to the Analysis Committee of their report, which contained performances of that peal. He would remind the Council that it was the Council's own fault at Hereford that the peal became exceedingly popular, for it there passed a definition of a peal of Minor—and incidentally also of Doubles—which purported to bring this peal in. If it didn't, it was the fault of the framers of the resolution, but the fact remained that that resolution was passed

by an overwhelming majority. Then in the following year at Chelmsford it was said that the peal was hopelessly false, and the Council had suffered for it ever since. Mr. Cave, continued Mr. Coles, had referred to the occurrence of rounds at the beginning and end. If they rang a peal of Stedman Triples they had rounds at the beginning and the end. Which one they counted was a matter some of them 'stuck' on, but it made no difference to the peal. The truth of the peal was in the peal itself and not necessarily in the 720's. There was too much importance attached to having rounds 720 changes apart. People who talked about the truth of a peal of Minor did not mind ringing a certain change in the last lead of one 720 and in the first lead of the next. They called that true. If they were wrong in saying that rounds need not be 720 changes apart then they must of necessity ring every other row at intervals of exactly 720 changes and go back to ringing every 720 in a peal in the same method and calling the same composition, which all of them would agree would be a retrograde step. He would remind Mr. Hunt that a peal of Stedman Triples must contain 5,041 rows, with rounds at the beginning and the end, and however much he liked to try he could not dodge the fact that there were 5,041 rows in that peal. If they applied the same rule to the Bankes James Arrangement they must admit that the peal was true.

A BIG MAJORITY.

The Rev. H. Drake suggested that in deciding this matter only those who were six-bell ringers should vote ('Oh!').

Several Members: What is a six-bell ringer?

The Rev. H. Drake: One who rings on six bells and is not a regular ringer on eight or more bells. We should then see whether the six-bell ringers, who are chiefly concerned, are in favour of it or not.

Mr. Rupert Richardson said he supported the resolution and was certain he was speaking for practically every six-bell ringer in Lincolnshire (applause). At present he was not a six-bell ringer, but he had rung over a hundred peals of Minor. He was one of those to whom Mr. James introduced spliced Minor ringing, and they had some very fine Minor ringers in Lincolnshire.

Mr. C. Mee, speaking for the six-bell ringers of Suffolk, said they were in favour of admitting the Bankes James peal.

Mr. Goldsmith briefly replied to some of the points raised in the discussion. He said that whether they started at handstroke or backstroke made no difference to the truth of a peal; neither did it affect the truth of a 720 whether they began it with rounds or any other row. There were no more rows of rounds in the Bankes James Arrangement than in any other peal of Minor. In every peal on six bells they had eight rows of rounds, but only seven of them counted; and it was exactly the same in the Bankes James Cambridge. It had been said that they could not take a true touch out of this peal as they could out of Thurstans' peal of Stedman. The two things were different. There was no repetition from beginning to end of a peal of Triples, but in a peal of Minor there must of necessity be repetitions of each row. With regard to the constitution of a lead, which involved the inclusion of the initial rounds as the first row, that applied to all Minor methods and not merely to Cambridge, and was not an argument introduced to make this particular peal true. It was true of all even-bell methods with only one hunt. He asked the Council to accept the motion on the ground that the peal was true.

A vote was then taken, and the President declared the motion carried, adding that there was more than a two-thirds majority.

SMALL NUMBER OF 'FIRST PEALERS.'

The remaining motion on the agenda was moved by Mr. E. M. Atkins in the following terms: 'That this Council views with concern the comparatively small number of ringers ringing their first peal, and suggests that all ringers, mindful of their high calling, should do all in their power to encourage their less proficient brethren.' He said the impression was growing that things were not too satisfactory in the ringing world as a whole; that, in fact, they were not going uphill, but downhill. The number of towers one heard of where there was no band of ringers ringing for Sunday, and places one came across where one band supplied the ringing for two or three towers, were numerous. He had also noticed that there was often very little encouragement at meetings for those who could only ring rounds or were endeavouring to learn to hunt the treble. That came to a head this year when he realised that a certain well-known Diocesan Guild, with between 700 and 800 members, had only succeeded in getting three people through their first peal last year. When this happened there was something wrong, and he felt it was up to somebody to bring the matter before the Council. That was why he put the first part of the motion on the agenda with reference to people ringing their first peal. If they referred to the analysis things did not look quite so bad last year as the year before. They would find that last year 523 ringers rang their first peal, against 430 the year before, an increase of 93, but, on the other hand, if they went back another year they would find there were 612 who rang their first peal in 1931, so that in 1933 there was a decrease of 89 compared with two years ago. If they went back ten years they would find the number was 687, which showed a decrease of 164. Unfortunately they had no means of estimating the number of change ringers, but in the 'Church of England Year Book' it was stated that there were 46,321 bellringers, which meant that about one per cent. rang their first peal in the course of the year. He had analysed a number of Guild reports and had come to the conclusion

that the number of ringers attached to guilds and associations was now about 25,000, and that meant that only about two in each hundred were being got through their first peal every year. That meant that if they were to progress in numbers a ringer had to have about fifty years of ringing life after ringing his first peal. They knew that ringing was a healthy exercise, but it meant that a ringer, if he rang his first peal at 20, had to live until he was 70 if they were to keep their numbers up—and that did not allow for wastage. He could not say how it was, but they seemed to be losing ground. If they took the analysis of peals for last year they would find it contained a total drop of 369 in the year, but the drop in the simpler methods was 338, which was 90 per cent. of the whole. It looked rather as if the experienced ringers were not doing their part in getting the less efficient people through the simpler methods.

BEGINNERS' POINTS OF VIEW.

With regard to the second part of his motion, Mr. Atkins said he put in the reference to their high calling, because he felt their work was one of the higher callings in the Church; he felt it was almost next to the priesthood itself, from the fact that it was a tremendous privilege to them to proclaim the Gospel Sunday by Sunday. It was a great thing to take a share in the first part of the chief services every Sunday, not simply from the point of view of calling people to church, but as an offering which nobody else could make. It was for their Guild officials to see that the bells were rung regularly and efficiently. Were they doing all in their power to help beginners? Mr. Atkins asked. He quoted from points of view which beginners had given him. Most of them complained that not sufficient opportunity was given them at meetings, and one wrote that 'the atmosphere puts one off.' After beginners had been given a short spell of rounds the more advanced ringers seemed to be saying to themselves, 'Thank goodness that's over, now we shall be able to do something!' Mr. Atkins added that the Council and ringers generally ought really to try and do something in this matter; they must try and cultivate a brotherly spirit and give youngsters every opportunity. He urged the more general use of the Council's 'Handbook for Instructors and Beginners.' It ought to be studied, he said, by everybody concerned with the teaching of beginners. He wished very much that they had statistics which would enable them to say definitely whether they were progressing or not and, if he might, he would like to propose some amended resolution that the secretary be empowered to collect statistics from the affiliated associations. It was, he concluded, most important that they should aim at getting all the bells rung on Sundays regularly. At present only a small proportion were rung. He might be pessimistic, and he hoped he might be proved wrong, but he hoped that some day they might be able to say with even more justice that this was truly the 'Ringing Isle.'

Mr. J. Parker, who seconded, remarked that he would not say much, as Mr. Atkins had said enough for three or four (laughter).

Mr. Groombridge said they could not put any more on their association secretaries than they already put on them.

OLD RINGERS' VIEWS.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert said he did not think there was any need for Mr. Atkins to get pessimistic. If youngsters got where there was no good ringing they quickly tired of it, but if they went to a tower where there was good ringing they very soon got on. They did not then lose them unless they started 'taking on one of the opposite sex' (laughter). He had three or four in his band who were going to ring quite as well as ever he had, 'if I don't drive them away,' he added, 'and I will if they don't ring and strike' (applause).

Mr. George Williams said Mr. Atkins had asked, 'What are we going to do about it?' If he would come to the south he would see what they were doing about it there. They had a meeting every month and two or three practices besides, and they rang twice on Sundays, and it would do Mr. Atkins good to see it. They rang methods for all the young ones, from Grandsire and Bob Doubles, and even rounds, from January 1st to December 31st, and every now and then they had a chance to put in something above the ordinary. In his Guild they always seemed to be teaching young ringers at the district meetings; that was their first object, together with ringing for Sunday services, if it was only ringing rounds.

Mr. P. J. Johnson said in Yorkshire, not merely in ringing but in other things as well, there was an increasing difficulty in getting people to undertake work that had to be done regularly and also meant sacrifice of their own convenience. Another difficulty in the big towns was that owing to the increasing facilities of motor transit there was a tendency for the people to migrate miles out, and the churches in the cities were left with very few people round them, and it meant something of an effort for a young man, even if he had the courage of his convictions, to be prepared to go some miles for his ringing. He himself had half an hour's walk to ring, and if they imagined they were going to get that from the younger generation he was inclined to think they were expecting something they would not get.

Mr. J. W. Jones said at Newport he found no difficulty in obtaining ringers. He believed in many cases ringers looked in the wrong places for beginners. He had looked after the bells of his church for 32 years, and in all that time they had never missed ringing twice on a Sunday, unless illness happened close to the church. All the band were either sidemen or in the choir or connected with the Church Council. He got his young ringers from among the choir-

boys. When their voices cracked he did not let them slip away from the church but got them into the belfry, and he could get six new ringers on the next Monday evening if he desired to do so. One of the troubles experienced in many places was, he believed, that many men who understood ringing would not give their time to teaching. What they wanted was Cambridge or London, but they would not teach a boy to ring. His advice was, 'Start them young and start with choirboys and others connected with their own church' (applause).

Mr. S. F. Palmer said if beginners were encouraged the great majority of them would make ringers, but there were a certain number of men who had not the patience to teach young ringers. As Ringing Master of a Yorkshire society he made it his duty to see that every member who attended a meeting got a ring; also that every youngster got a ring. A certain portion of the ringing was always devoted to rounds for the beginners. He also saw that all the rest got their due proportion of the advanced methods or whatever they liked to ask for. If all Ringing Masters followed the same plan he did not think there would be much need for Mr. Atkins' proposition.

RESULTS DEPEND ON TEACHERS.

Mr. A. Walker said he was not one of the pessimists. The way in which youngsters got on depended on the teachers, and results rested largely upon them. In Birmingham there had not been many peals rung lately, but he could give an optimistic report as to what they were doing. They were having to start their practices half an hour earlier than they used to in order to give all the ringers their opportunity to ring, and on most Tuesday evenings the ringing comprised anything from Grandsire Triples to Stedman on 8, 10 and 12, and Cambridge, London and Bristol. It was the teacher who had got to do the pushing; if he did not encourage the youngsters they would slip away. They must also get the youngsters to move about to other towers. They would then get experience and enthusiasm with it (hear, hear). If existing ringers would not be satisfied with merely ringing themselves, but would bring others into their band and teach them, there was nothing to be pessimistic about for the future (hear, hear).

Mr. C. T. Coles said as secretary of the association in whose area Mr. Atkins lived, he did not think there was anything to be pessimistic about. The difficulties in big places like London, which embraced miles and miles of suburbs in every direction, were growing, and it was more difficult to do the Sunday ringing and more and more difficult to find time for practice than it used to be; and in these areas it was difficult to find youngsters to take up ringing. It made the work of the associations in such areas much harder, but the fact remained that, in spite of the difficulties, they were slowly improving. There were places where matters had gone backward, but in their districts as a whole they could show progress. There could not be much to be pessimistic about when they had such performances as the young people's peal at Crayford. One of the young ladies who rang in that peal and was only 17 had rung a peal in four spliced Surprise methods. There was every opportunity for young ringers to learn if they wanted to learn, and had the ability. In the area to which Mr. Atkins referred there were four or five associations functioning with meetings almost every week. If in London there was the possibility of ringing closing down here and there, that was counterbalanced by the increased facilities for travel which enabled the young ringers to get further afield. It might be that in these days of facilities for pleasure the youngsters found that learning to ring was hard work, and some dropped away before they really got into it, but in his opinion the districts of his association showed a great improvement compared with 25 years ago.

Mr. J. Parker said one of the greatest mistakes was to get young ringers through their first peal of 'Spliced.' They suffered from it in his association in Middlesex more than anybody. There were ringers who saw a promising young ringer, and said, 'We will put him through a peal of spliced.' The others got jealous and stopped away. What they wanted was to encourage the Sunday ringing; that was the way to get young ringers.

The motion was then put and carried nem con.

Mr. Atkins asked if he could put a supplementary resolution that the secretary of the Council should be empowered to obtain statistics as to the number of ringers in the country?

The President said he thought they could leave this matter to the secretary, who had had it in mind for a long time. The only difficulty was devising a suitable method and finding time to do it.

The matter then dropped.

WARWICKSHIRE SECRETARY'S BEREAVEMENT.

On Thursday, June 7th, at Chilvers Coton, Warwickshire, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) was rung with half-muffled clappers: P. Stone 1, E. Stone 2, J. E. Moreton 3, A. H. Beamish (conductor) 4, J. Draycott 5, A. Haswell 6, C. E. Rayson 7, H. Harris 8. This was a last token of respect for Mr. George J. Lewis (father of Mrs. D. E. Beamish, hon. secretary of the Warwickshire Guild), for over 30 years actively connected with church work at Chilvers Coton. He was an indefatigable worker for the recasting and augmentation of the bells in 1908.

The interment took place the previous day with full Masonic honours, Mr. Lewis having held office in the Grand Lodge of Warwickshire.

TEWKESBURY BELLS THROUGH SEVEN CENTURIES.

BY REV. E. G. BENSON.

In a recent issue of 'The Ringing World' Mr. E. D. Taylor gave a short history of the Abbey bells from 1696. The following fuller account from the earliest days may therefore be of interest:—

The earliest existing record of bells at Tewkesbury Abbey is the plain statement in the Tewkesbury Annals that in the year 1224 the Bishop of Killaloe dedicated two large bells (majora signa) in the tower. Seventeen years later another Bishop consecrated two new large bells (magna signa) in the choir.

There was a campanile which stood at the north side of the Abbey church (cf. Chichester), but it is not known how long it was used for bells. In 1582 this campanile was converted into a house of correction, and in 1817 it was pulled down. The first of the above records seems clearly to refer to bells for the great Norman tower of the church (in turri). In the vaulting of the church above the choir, constructed about 1350, there is a large round hole for raising bells into the church tower, so that we can say that certainly from that period there have been large bells in the great tower of Tewkesbury Abbey.



THE TOWER OF TEWKESBURY ABBEY FROM N.E.

At the time of the dissolution of the monastery in 1539 there were eight bells, weighing altogether 14,200 lb. (over six tons). These bells were bought by the townspeople from the King's Commissioners, who had confiscated them, but three or four of them must have been sold again, for from that date until 1612 there were only four large bells and a sanctus in Tewkesbury tower.

In 1612 it appears that the churchwardens had a fifth bell cast in the churchyard by a travelling founder named William Ward (we know of no other record of this founder), but they sold it in the following year. There is no record of this transaction in the churchwarden's accounts, but the following rhymes were written on the cover of the baptismal register (1607-29):—

'William Dixon and Thomas Hoare
Made us that Bell which we ring before
Which men for that good deede; praie we they maie thrive
For we haveinge but foure Bells: they made them five.
And out of the grounde this Bell they did delve,
The 24th of Julie Anno Dom, 1612.'

Then below a little shield with the bell bearing the founder's name is added:—

'The Bell speaks

William Dixon and Thomas Hoare
Did sell me away though I rang before,
Which men afterwards did never thrive
For making us four, being once made five.
And sould me to Wales, as I do ween,
About Anno Dom. 1613.'

Clearly some of the parishioners were aggrieved with the churchwardens for selling the bell, for someone also scribbled on the cover of their accounts:—

'William Dixon: Thomas Hoare
Caused him to ringe no more.'

Thus there remained four bells in the peal until 1632, when they were 'new caste into sixe.'

Mr. E. D. Taylor, however, is incorrect in assuming that there was no change ringing until the peal was increased to eight. On the walls of the tower where the old ringing chamber used to be there are incised sets of changes for four and five bells. There are two methods for the four bells. In one, the treble alone hunts right up to the back and returns, the other bells only moving to let the treble by. The other method is 'Grandsire singles' with the fourth covering. The method for five bells is 'Bob Minimus' with the fifth covering.

We wish we could date these early records of change ringing exactly. As 1612-3 is the only time there has been a peal of five bells in the tower, we are tempted to put this as the date of the five-bell method. The other two may be rather earlier. They all certainly date from the early part of the seventeenth century.

In 1632 the four pre-Reformation bells were recast into six, but there is no record of the name of the founder, though it is probable that it was John Palmer, sen., of Gloucester.

This increase in the number of the bells is clearly an indication of the growth of interest in ringing, and the ringing of the bells on special occasions (local and national) becomes a more regular feature of the life of the parish. Indeed, it is remarkable what large sums the parishioners spent on their church bells during the seventeenth century, and how constantly they were striving to improve their peal.

Thus in 1647 the tenor was recast at Gloucester, probably by John Palmer, jun.; in 1670 one of the bells was recast by John Martin, of Worcester; then in 1679 the fifth and tenor (again) were both recast at Bishop's Cleeve.

Hitherto the bells had been sent away to Gloucester or Worcester, and thus the carriage was by river. Bishop's Cleeve, however, necessitated a journey of some six or seven miles by road—no easy journey for those days. We have no record as to who this bell founder was at Bishop's Cleeve at this date, but the real interest of this temporary foundry lies in the fact that Abraham Rudhall was working for it. Besides paying the founder, the Tewkesbury churchwardens paid:—

Abraham Riddle (sic) for hanging the bells	...	...	06:00:0
for work	...	...	01:10:6

The earliest known bell cast by Rudhall himself is dated 1684, five years later.

In 1696 the bells of Tewkesbury Abbey again come in for attention. In this year the parishioners decided on 'recastin the six belles into eaight,' and Mr. Abraham Rudhall was engaged to do the work at his now well-established foundry in Gloucester. A subscription list was opened, and the Bishop of the diocese contributed. Mr. Rudhall's first peal of eight did not satisfy the parishioners, who seemed to have been determined to have a really good peal of bells. He had therefore to recast the treble and seventh in 1697, and tune them and retune the fourth. Even this was not satisfactory, and so he recast the fourth as well, it appears, in 1699 or 1700.

The present seventh and tenth remain of Rudhall's 1696 peal. The present eighth is the old fourth that was recast a year or two later. The present eleventh was recast in 1717, and the present sixth in 1725 by Abraham Rudhall, and the present fifth in 1743 by his son, Abel, because it was 'newly crackt.' Then for very nearly a hundred years this Rudhall peal remained unaltered. Throughout this period there was ringing on all the usual occasions, but there is no record to show how far change ringing was practised.

In 1837 the old sixth (recast in 1914), the tenor and the pre-Reformation sanctus bell were recast by Thomas Mears at Gloucester. Thomas Mears had recently bought up Rudhall's foundry, but for a short time he continued to cast bells there. Thus the present tenor is a Gloucester bell, and was no doubt cast on the old Rudhall stacks.

The opening of the bells in 1837, after the restoration, was the occasion of the ringing of the first peal at Tewkesbury. Several bands came over to attempt a peal, but only the Cheltenham men succeeded in bringing one round. The method they rang was Kent Treble Bob. It was an exceedingly cold day, and these ringers walked over from Cheltenham bringing their ropes with them.

After 1837 change ringing made little headway until C. D. P. Davies, the son of the Vicar, while quite a lad, interested himself in ringing, got together a local band and rang with them the first

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**NORTHERN BRANCH AT BELBROUGHTON.**

One of the prettiest villages in Worcestershire was wrapped in sunshine, and the gardens one mass of colour, in spite of the drought, when 80 odd representatives of the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire Association attended a meeting at Belbroughton. The bells were rung in various methods during the afternoon. Service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. H. de V. Watson). The choir was in attendance, and Mr. Moore presided at the organ. Tea was afterwards provided in the Church Hall by the local ringers ably directed by their leader, Mr. E. Calcutt.

The business meeting was held on the Church Hall lawn, and was presided over by the Rector, supported by Mr. W. Short (Ringing Master of the association), Mr. H. F. Martin (Ringing Master of the Northern Branch), Mr. H. G. Bird (Central Council representative), Mr. W. H. Webb (Central committee representative), Mr. C. W. Cooper (librarian), and Mr. A. J. Skelding (branch secretary).

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Bewdley.

Several new members were elected to the association, and the Rector was made an honorary member.

Mr. H. G. Bird gave his report of the Central Council meeting, and mentioned that the peal of Cambridge rung at Coalbrookdale had come under discussion. Mr. Bird said that it had been found to be false.—Mr. R. Matthews, the conductor, said that the peal had been withdrawn with the usual apologies, and warned anyone else against calling it in the form in which it appeared in the association report.

Mr. W. Short proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for arranging the service and the use of the bells. He coupled with that the ringers' best thanks to the organist and choir under Mr. Moore, to Mr. E. Calcutt and Mr. R. Parton for interesting themselves in providing the bountiful tea for the visitors, and to the ladies who had so kindly helped at the tables.

The vote was carried unanimously, and the Rector, in reply, said it gave him great pleasure to have the association at Belbroughton. He mentioned that his father-in-law was one of the chief founders of the Kent County Association.—Mr. E. Calcutt responded on behalf of the local ringers, Mr. R. Parton for the ladies, and Mr. Moore on behalf of the choir and organist.

A very fine meeting closed with further ringing.

ESSEX RINGERS' OUTING.

The ringers of St. Barnabas' Church, Great Tey, had their annual outing on Wednesday, June 13th, in beautiful weather.

The first call was St. Margaret's (Ipswich), where they enjoyed some very nice ringing, and then went on to Helmingham and Debenham (where Mr. Rumsey had kindly arranged for lunch). Afterwards they made for Beccles, where they found a bit of weight to swing. Mr. Goate and another of the Beccles band met the visitors, which gave them a chance to ring rounds on the ten. The band then made for Lowestoft, where tea was enjoyed and two hours spent by the sea. Home was eventually reached at 10.30, after a tour of 160 miles. The Vicar, warden and friends joined the party, which numbered 27 in all. The ringers would like, through 'The Ringing World,' to thank the steepkeepers and clergy for the use of the bells and for having everything in readiness, which helped so much to benefit the outing.

Touces of Bob Major and Oxford and Kent Treble Boh were rung during the day.

WIGSTON RINGERS VISIT NORTHANTS.

On Saturday, June 23rd, Wigston Magna (Leicestershire) ringers set forth on their outing first to Hazelbeach, where, for an hour or so, the peal of eight were kept going to London, Cambridge and Stedman. From Hazelbeach the journey was continued through the picturesque countryside and a succession of pretty old-world villages, typical of Northamptonshire, to a fine peal of eight at Wicken, where Superlative, Bristol and Stedman were rung before partaking of an excellent tea. On returning to the belfry, Wicken, Leicestershire, Wigston, London and Bristol Surprise Major and Stedman and Grand-sire Triples were successfully brought into rounds. After 'falling' the bells a convivial evening was spent with members of the local band, during which tunes on the handbells and a course of Grandsire Triples by two of the Wicken ringers were much appreciated. A most enjoyable day was spent. The thanks of the Wigston Society are due to the local band and Mr. A. J. Green for the arrangements made.

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local peal (of Grandsire Triples) in 1877. For the next thirty years this band kept together and maintained a high standard of striking, but unfortunately it failed to train up a young band to succeed it, and so, although two trebles were added in 1914 to make a peal of ten, by then there was no local band to keep up the tradition.

Now, with a fine peal of twelve bells, and a keen band of young ringers, we look forward full of hope for the future of ringing at Tewkesbury. The magnificent Norman tower, the long history of the Tewkesbury bells, the memory of C.D.P., all need to find their fulfilment in the living tradition of good ringing by a local band.

E. G. BENSON.

FOXEARH. ESSEX, BELLS REHUNG.

The bells of the Parish Church have been thoroughly overhauled and rehung by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich. They were tried for the first time on Sunday, June 17th, for the morning service, ringers being present from Sudbury, Long Melford, Glomsford, and the local company. Some excellently struck touches were rung, and the bells were found to go splendidly. All the ringers agreed that Mr. Bowell had made a capital job of them.

EFFORT TO INTEREST PUBLIC.

In order to interest members of the public in bells and ringing, the tower at Southover Church, Lewes, Sussex, which contains a ring of ten, will be open to all who care to visit it on Saturday, July 14th, and Wednesday, July 18th, during the afternoon and evening. Members of the local bellringers' Guild will be in attendance to explain how the bells are rung and other interesting facts about them.

The Guild had their annual outing last week when, accompanied by the Rector (Rev. D. G. Matthews), they visited Salehurst, Rye and Pevensey.

THE 22-METHOD PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the 22-method peal rung at Deeping St. James on June 16th, I omitted to mention in the footnote the name of Mr. A. G. Driver, the composer of the six-method 720's, and offer my apology for the omission. Also, I am indebted to Mr. G. L. Joyce for the figures

H. M. DAY.

Market Deeping.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On June 24th, for morning prayer, 1,024 changes of Bristol Surprise Major: C. Whiting 1, K. Willers 2, J. Rumsey 3, A. Keeble 4, E. S. Bailey 5, F. Smith 6, L. P. Bailey 7, J. M. Bailey (conductor) 8.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.—At St. Mary's Church on Sunday, June 24th, for evensong, 720 changes of St. Clement's Boh Minor: J. B. Hall (conductor) 1, R. Chambers 2, F. Hunt 3, C. Pryke 4, F. Day 5, H. Hollocks 6. First 720 in the method by all, who are local men.

WALTHAM ST. LAWRENCE.—On Sunday, June 24th, for evensong, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Cooper, sen., 1, J. Cooper, jun., 2, V. Darvill 3, G. Tilley 4, R. Darvill (conductor) 5, G. Martin 6.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, June 24th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1,280 changes): S. H. Symonds (conductor) 1, F. L. Leeks 2, R. C. Dakin (first quarter-peal in the method) 3, A. Symonds 4, D. A. S. Symonds 5, M. T. Symonds 6, L. Pryke 7, W. R. J. Poulson 8. Rung to oblige F. L. Leeks, of Croydon, on a visit to his native town.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—On Trinity Sunday, for morning service, 1,295 Grandsire Caters at the Priory Church: F. Stonestreet 1, Miss C. Sparshott 2, E. V. Hinton 3, Miss M. Rouse 4, Mrs. E. Williams 5, S. White 6, F. Sparshott 7, F. E. Pitman 8, G. Preston (conductor) 9, W. Fowler 10. This was also a wedding compliment to Mr. Henry J. Nash (a local ringer), who was married to Mrs. Ada Blanche Francis in Bournemouth (Curzon Road) about the same time. It was also the bride's birthday celebration.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—Sunday, May 6th, at St. Andrew's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): G. Carter (first quarter in method) 1, J. Bingley 2, F. Hammett (first in the method away from treble) 3, G. Upshall 4, S. Meadows 5, C. Wells 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, T. Upshall 8.—For evening service, 672 Stedman Triples: T. Upshall 1, C. Edwards 2, J. Read 3, C. Wells 4, S. Meadows 5, J. W. Wells 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8. Rung in honour of the 24th anniversary of the accession of H.M. King George V.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Sunday, May 6th, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes): F. Buckland 1, G. Guttridge 2, Miss K. E. Fletcher 3, J. Harrison 4, W. Edwards 5, W. Henley (first quarter in the method as conductor) 7, H. Wingrove 8. Rung for the 24th anniversary of His Majesty's accession.

LATE NOTICES.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—July meetings: July 1st, Sunday morning, 10 a.m., service ringing; July 9th, practice at 7 p.m., quarterly meeting at 8.15 p.m.; July 23rd, practice at 7.30 p.m. All above at St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C. Practice at St. Mary's, Lambeth, July 31st, at 8 p.m.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 67, Canonbie Road, S.E.23.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—West Norfolk Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at North Creak on Saturday, July 7th.—W. J. Eldred, Dis. Sec., 4, Wellington Street, Kings Lynn.

NOTICES.

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SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Established 1623).—The 311th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 30th. Bells (12) available from 9 a.m. Service 12.30 p.m. Hot lunch (2s. 6d.) at 1.30 p.m.—Leonard E. Pitstow, Hon. Sec., 21, Debden Road, Saffron Walden.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—General quarterly meeting at Matlock, June 30th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Committee meet 3.30. Meat tea, 1s. 3d. per head, 5 p.m., at the Duke William. General meeting follows tea. Darley Dale bells (8) available after meeting. — Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Colne Engaine on Saturday, June 30th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Earls Colne bells (8) also available after 6 o'clock.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Burstow on Saturday, June 30th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. G. F. Hoad, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. —A by-meeting, by kind invitation of the Rector, will be held at Brabourne on Saturday, June 30th. Bells ready 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15. Will those who intend coming please notify me as early as possible.—F. Conley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Dunsfold on Saturday, June 30th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Hascombe (five bells) will be available in the evening.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch. —A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Burton-on-Stather on Saturday, June 30th. Bells (6) ready 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in the Vicarage grounds, if fine, at 1s. 6d. Business meeting to follow. A delightful half-day.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The summer festival will be held at Husborne Crawley on Saturday, June 30th. The bells (8) will be available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Preacher, Bishop Lander. Tea at 5. Will those intending to be present kindly send a card to Rev. A. Rust a day or two previous? This will greatly help the tea arrangements.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—The 123rd ringing anniversary will be held to-morrow, Saturday, June 30th. Bells from two o'clock. In conjunction with this gathering will be held a meeting of the Suffolk Guild. Tea (1s.) 5 o'clock, followed by short business meeting. Old and new friends in large numbers cordially invited.—S. H. Symonds, 72, Church Street.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—The ring of eight bells restored by Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be rededicated on Sunday, July 1st, at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Bells available 4 to 4.30, 5.30 to 6.30, and 7.30 to 8.30. All ringers welcome.—Wm. E. Cheater, Roxwell, Addison Square, Ringwood, Hants.

IPSWICH ROYAL SHOW.—For ringers visiting the above show ringing arrangements are as follows:—Tuesday, July 3rd, St. Mary-le-Tower (12 bells). Wednesday, July 4th, St. Clement's, Ipswich (6 bells). Thursday, July 5th, St. Margaret's, Ipswich (8 bells). Thursday, July 5th, St. Andrew's, Rushmere (6 bells). Friday, July 6th, St. Mary's, Hadleigh (8 bells). For Sproughton, Bramford and Hintlesham (all 6 bells) apply to Mr. Charles Mee, Sproughton, Ipswich. All at 7.30 p.m. Any further particulars from the Rev. H. Drake, Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge, or G. E. Symonds, 28, Chevallier Street, Ipswich.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Guild.—A meeting of the Guild will be held at Gateshead on Wednesday, July 4th, commencing at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. The bells of St. John's, Newcastle-on-Tyne, will be available at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. Sheraton, Hon. Sec., Roseville Boundary Cottages, Philadelphia, Co. Durham.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on July 5th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 10th, St. Magnus' on the 12th and 26th, St. Andrew's on the 19th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 24th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Sandhurst on Saturday, July 7th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea (1s. per head) after service, followed by business meeting. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, July 3rd. A good attendance of members is specially requested.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Erith on Saturday, July 7th. Towers open at 3 o'clock till 9 p.m. Service at St. John the Baptist's 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Numbers for tea not later than Tuesday, July 3rd. A good muster is requested.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold their annual meeting and a six-bell contest at Kirkburton on July 7th. Draw 2.45 p.m. Tea provided, 1s. 6d. each, if applied for not later than June 30th.—L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Morton on Saturday, July 7th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 7th, at the Parish Church. Clitheroe bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, July 7th. Bells, St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6), from 3 o'clock. Tea in St. Mary's Parish Room at 5. Fully paid-up members 9d., others 1s. 3d. General meeting to follow. Please send word by Tuesday, July 3rd.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Banbury on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (10) available from 2.30. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and meeting to follow. Adderbury (8) and Deddington (6) bells available during the evening. For tea, please let me know not later than Tuesday, July 3rd.—E. Pearson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deddington, Oxford.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—A general meeting will be held at Alburgh and Redenhall on Saturday, July 7th, at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 5.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Nolan Golden, 39, Winter Road, Norwich.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bradfield Deanery Branch.—Summer meeting will be held at Streatley on Saturday, July 7th. Ringing to commence at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea (9d.) at 4.45 p.m. Goring bells available after tea. Please note altered date and advise Mr. W. H. Perry, The Thatched Cottage, Streatley, number for tea, by July 5th.—T. W. Palmer, Hon. Branch Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Warminster on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea and meeting to follow. Corsley, Horningsham and Sutton Veny bells also available. Please advise for tea.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Portsmouth on Saturday, July 7th. Bells of St. Mary's, Portsea (8), available during the afternoon and evening. General meeting in the Parish Institute at 2.30 p.m. Service in St. Mary's at 4 p.m.; preacher, the Bishop of Portsmouth. Tea in the Vicarage garden at 5 p.m. to all who inform me by Thursday, July 5th. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Esher on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting afterwards. All ringers welcome. Notice for tea by Thursday, July 5th.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Shield contest will be held at Wortley on Saturday, July 14th. Draw 2.45. For tea please notify Mr. W. A. Wooler, Sheffield Road, Wortley, near Sheffield. Entries (6s. per band) and prize fund be sent by July 7th to A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 29, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Dearne, near Rotherham.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Lechlade on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (6) open afternoon and evening. Tea 5 o'clock. Service 6 o'clock. Will those requiring tea please let me know by July 3rd?—W. H. Hayward, Branch Hon. Sec., Glemsford, Bowling Green, Cirencester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leesfield on Saturday, July 7th. Tower open for ringing at 2.30 till 8.30. Meeting in the tower 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—H. Hamer, Branch Hon. Sec., 3, Nall Street, Milnrow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Halsall on Saturday, July 7th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector. Unveiling of the peal board recording the peal in seven methods rung by the local band. It is important that names for tea should be sent to Mr. A. Mawdsley, Post Office, Halsall, not later than Wednesday, July 3rd. Southport to Liverpool buses pass door of the church. All ringers welcome.—Wm. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socan on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Stone on Saturday, July 7th. Will all who intend to be present please notify Mr. A. Rowley, 120a, Church Street, Stone, Staffs, on or before July 4th?—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Fairfield, Buxton, on Saturday, July 7th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. For tea, please notify Mr. Eric Ellison, 70, King's Road, Fairfield, Buxton, not later than Tuesday, July 3rd.—Arthur Whiting, Hon. Sec., Marple.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Scorton on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (8) at 2 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., price 1s. to 1s. 3d.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

GREAT TORRINGTON, DEVON.—At evening service on Wednesday, July 11th, the Bishop of Exeter will dedicate the ring of eight bells restored by John Taylor and Co. Ringers' day, Saturday, July 14th.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Wrotham on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Surfleet, Lincs., on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available all day. Service at 4 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting. Lunch (12.30 p.m.) can be arranged, but all requiring lunch and tea must notify Mrs. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, by July 11th.—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 14th, at the Parish Church, Sutton Coldfield, near Birmingham. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea in the Church House at 5.15. Business meeting to follow. Please let me know regarding tea by the 11th.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Chorley Parish Church on Saturday, July 14th. Bells ready 2.30. Meeting at 6 o'clock in the Institute. A good attendance is re-

quested. A few subscriptions are still outstanding, and should be paid at this meeting.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec., Carwood Lane, Whittle-le-Woods.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The next meeting will be held at Swanscombe on Saturday, July 14th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea by kind invitation of the Rector. Those intending to be present at tea must let me know by Tuesday, 10th.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Summer Festival at Farnham, Saturday, July 14th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock (preacher, the Lord Bishop of Guildford). Tea, 6 p.m., 1s. each, at Rogers' Restaurant. Castle Grounds open to ringers and friends after tea. Those requiring tea must notify not later than Wednesday, July 11th.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Debenham on July 14th. Bells (8) available at 2 p.m. Service in church 4.15. Tea in the Parish Room at 4.45, 9d. each, to all sending names to Mr. W. C. Rumsey, Debenham, Stowmarket. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Stanmore on Saturday, July 14th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Please advise me by July 11th. All members and friends welcome. A pleasant afternoon's outing.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 21st. Service in Cathedral at 11.15 a.m.; preacher, Rev. R. H. A. Bullock, Vicar of St. Laurence's, Reading. Dedication of Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn memorial in cloisters immediately after service, followed by business meeting in Chapter house. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30 p.m., tickets 2s. each to members, 3s. to non-members. Application for tickets, accompanied by remittance, to reach general secretary by Wednesday, July 18th, after which date the business will be in the hands of the caterers. A collection will be taken at service for Guild restoration fund. Cheap railway tickets from all stations in diocese, G.W.R. and L.M.S. All college and city towers open as in past years.—Richard T. Hibbert, sec., 69, York Rd, Reading.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Diocesan Festival at Gulval, Saturday, July 21st, 2 to 9 p.m. Towers: Gulval (8), St. Mary's, Penzance (8), Ludgvan (6), Madron (6), Zennon (6). Service 4 p.m. at Gulval, followed by tea (free to ringers). Replies by July 7th to Rev. H. Trewhella, St. Paul's Vicarage, Truro.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. George's, Beckenham, on Saturday, July 21st. Further particulars next week. Half fares will be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—The new peal of 12 bells, complete with new frame, etc., by Taylor's, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Salisbury on Wednesday, July 25th, at 6 p.m. Ringers' Day, August Bank Holiday. Ringing all day from 10.30 a.m. All ringers welcome. Tea will be provided for those who advise only. Further particulars later.—C. F. Andrews, 22, Drynham Road, Trowbridge.

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