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## 'REWARDS' FOR BEGINNERS.

From time to time suggestions are put forward for the encouragement of beginners by the offering of 'rewards' for progress. In our last issue 'Reflex' returned to the subject. His proposals, however, differ only in their details from other schemes which have been urged, but have never been generally adopted. There are just a few associations where there is recognition given to the beginner when he reaches some definite stage in his progress. In one case, for instance, a badge is awarded; in another a certificate; but there has been no general acceptance of the principle of recognition of progress. A few years ago an effort was made in the Central Council to do something in this direction. This proposal was to issue certificates to those qualified to receive them at various stages of their advancement, but it did not find favour, and there seemed at the time as strong a dislike to issuing certificates of progress as there previously was to the adoption of a universal badge for ringers.

One preliminary point upon which there is not as yet general agreement is whether the 'awards' would really have the effect anticipated of keeping beginners interested and urging them to progress. There would be some ringers, without doubt, who would value a recognition by their association of their definite steps forward in the art, in the same way that many music students like to receive certificates upon passing examinations. On the other hand, ringers as a class do not seem anxious to parade their progress. They may personally be proud of their attainments, but they are seldom keen about displaying tokens of their achievements. Even if they were, there is the difficulty of setting and maintaining standards. Individual associations could set a local standard, but to be of value it would have to be applied impartially throughout the area and not left to the opinion of the tower conductor, otherwise those who had been 'carried' through the 'examination' piece would be placed on the same level as those who had genuinely earned the reward.

The local award of 'prizes,' as suggested by 'Reflex,' might create a local interest especially among a very youthful band, but to increase the general interest and establish a recognised standard, any scheme to be of value must, as we have said, have a wider basis and have at least an association or guild foundation. What is needed at first, however, is the inculcation of the spirit among beginners that the attainment of a high standard in ringing is really worth while; to make them realise the higher aims of a ringer's duties and the importance of his office, which carries with it the necessity for giving only his best in the service of the Church. If local schemes were formulated it might offer encouragement in in-

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dividual cases, and it would be interesting to see an experiment carried out, to learn if these awards would really prove the incentive which some people believe they would be. But only time could show the result, for ringers are not made in a day, and it might even eventually be difficult to say whether any progress made was due to the incentive of the material rather than the intangible reward.

### TEN BELL PEALS.

ST. LAWRENCE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 4, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 5001 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*LESLIE PORRITT... .. Treble	†STANLEY GEE ... .. 6
*ALFRED FRIEND... .. 2	ALBERT E. JARMAN ... .. 7
*H. RICHARD FRENCH... .. 3	KENNETH PATTENDEN ... .. 8
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 4	HARRY FARRES ... .. 9
FREDERICK C. BRETT... .. 5	WILLIAM BIDNELL ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN

\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 6, 1934, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 37½ cwt. in C.

ARTHUR J. SMALLS ... .. Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. 6
BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. CLOVER ... .. 7
GEORGE MAYERS... .. 3	WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... .. 8
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... .. 4	TONY PRICE ... .. 9
JOHN A. GODFREY ... .. 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFS.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, August 11, 1934, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERPS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 19 lb.

*FRANK B. YATES ... .. Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 6
H. JAMES TURNER ... .. 2	JOHN E. EATON ... .. 7
*DANIEL T. MATKIN ... .. 3	BERT HORTON ... .. 8
ALBERT E. NORMAN ... .. 4	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 9
C. HOWARD STANLEY... .. 5	WILLIAM DAVIES ... .. Tenor

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS. Conducted by ALBERT E. NORMAN

\* First peal of Grandsire Caterps. Rung as a fifth birthday compliment to Master John Yates, grandson of Mr. F. B. Yates, of King's Norton.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 11, 1934, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

EDGAR GUISE ... .. Treble	HERBERT W. KNIGHT... .. 6
FREDERICK G. LEAKER ... .. 2	REGINALD G. GILBERT ... .. 7
JOHN THOMAS ... .. 3	WILLIAM STOWELL ... .. 8
ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 4	JOHN A. BURFORD ... .. 9
WILLIAM KNIGHT ... .. 5	WILLIAM H. THOMAS ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Wilfred Thomas (past Master of the Oxford University Guild of Ringers) and eldest son of Mr. W. H. Thomas, of Bristol, to Miss Edna Eileen Wheeler, of Bristol, which took place at the above church the same morning.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Sunday, August 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. R. Ambrose 1, Mrs. F. M. Mitchell 2, J. Burles 3, F. A. Mitchell 4, R. A. Mann 5, G. Morrad 6, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 7, W. Gorrings 8. First quarter-peal by R. A. Mann for over 30 years.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 11, 1934, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 19½ cwt.

*THOMAS BANNISTER ... .. Treble	*HORACE BELCHER ... .. 6
*HARRY HOSKINS... .. 2	JAMES E. DAVIS... .. 7
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... .. 3	*JOSEPH MARKS ... .. 8
*ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... .. 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN... .. 9
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 5	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

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

\* First peal in the method. This composition has 18 courses in the Tittum position.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 4, 1934, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 16 cwt.

*MISS KATH M. BRADFORD Treble	ARTHUR I. HOLMES ... .. 5
MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY 2	THOMAS J. LOCK ... .. 6
MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY 3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 7
THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... 4	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER  
\* 50th peal.

BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
(TAUNTON DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 6, 1934, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 25½ cwt.

*WILLIAM WHITE ... .. Treble	†S. GEORGE COLES ... .. 5
WILLIAM A. SIVIER ... .. 2	*JACK ROY ... .. 6
ALFRED J. WYATT ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. LLOYD ... .. 7
ARTHUR H. REED ... .. 4	S. PERCY MERSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by W. H. LLOYD.

\* First peal in the method. † 50th peal. First in the method as conductor. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Wyatt.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.  
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 7, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANKESTER ... .. Treble	*WILFRED G. WILSON ... .. 5
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... .. 2	HARRY KILBY ... .. 6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 3	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 7
THOMAS J. LOCK ... .. 4	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First Surprise peal.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, August 7, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE, & SUPERLATIVE  
SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 5
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... .. 2	*ALFRED G. HILL ... .. 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
HARRY HOVERD ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS

\* First peal of Spliced Surprise. This peal contains 2,944 of London, 608 of Bristol, and 736 each of Cambridge and Superlative. The two latter methods were rung in alternate parts.

MANCHESTER.—At Brookfield Unitarian Church, on Wednesday, August 8th, 720 Bob Minor: J. Chamberlain (first 720 in the method) 1, A. Barnes 2, W. Brammer 3, P. Rushton 4, J. Fearnhead 5, W. W. Wolstencroft (conductor) 6.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 9, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**  
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 17½ cwt.

HARRY HOVERD ... .. Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY... .. 5
E. CHARLES PATTEN ... .. 2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
ALFRED G. HILL ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Conducted by F. W. ROGERS.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 10, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

THOMAS GROOMERIDGE, JUN. Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY... .. 5
JAMES BENNETT ... .. 2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 6
ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by F. W. ROGERS.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, August 10, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

CHARLES WHITING ... .. Treble	ALFRED KEEBLE ... .. 5
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... .. 2	*REGINALD C. KERSEY ... 6
JAMES G. RUMSEY ... .. 3	JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 7
*JAMES E. BAILEY ... .. 4	FREDERICK J. SMITH ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JAMES M. BAILEY.

\* First peal in the method.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 11, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF HERTFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 13 cwt.

WALTER PAUL ... .. Treble	FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 5
HENRY HODGETTS ... .. 2	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 6
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... .. 3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 7
CHARLES N. LEMAN ... .. 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

This is the first peal in the method (Lindoff's No. 29), and was rung without previous practice. Rung and named to commemorate the jubilee year of the Hertford County Association.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 11, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 15½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. THYNG ... .. 5
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... .. 2	WALTER ALLWOOD ... .. 6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER... .. 3	AMBURN WILSON... .. 7
A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... .. 4	THOMAS E. LEE ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 11, 1934, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

ALBERT E. CHEESMAN ... .. Treble	GEORGE MARRINER ... .. 5
FREDERICK G. WOODISS... .. 2	*CYRIL W. SMITH ... .. 6
*NORMAN HOBDEN ... .. 3	ARTHUR H. SMITH ... .. 7
*WILLIAM HOBDEN ... .. 4	ALBERT HARMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
(TAUNTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 11, 1934, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,  
A PEAL OF SPLICED OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR,  
5280 CHANGES;

LIVERSEDGE VARIATION, Tenor 12 $\frac{3}{4}$  cwt.  
\*WALTER H. POOLE ... Treble | GEORGE COLES ... 5  
ARTHUR H. REED ... 2 | \*WILLIAM G. GIGG ... 6  
ALFRED J. WYATT ... 3 | \*JACK ROY ... 7  
PERCY MERSON ... 4 | JAMES HUNT ... Tenor  
Composed by E. MORRIS. Conducted by J. HUNT.

\* First 'spliced' peal. First peal of Spliced Major by the remainder. First peal of Spliced Major by the association and in the county. The methods were changed four times in each course.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 11, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,  
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
Tenor 21 $\frac{1}{2}$  cwt.

\*WALTER MARTIN ... Treble | ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ... 5  
JAMES BEYTS ... 2 | THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ... 6  
WILLIAM J. GROOM ... 3 | THOMAS W. LAST ... 7  
ERNEST F. POPPY ... 4 | WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Tenor  
Composed by E. WIGHTMAN. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.  
\* First peal and first attempt.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 11, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,  
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

C. ERNEST SMITH ... Treble | JOHN COOK ... 5  
WILLIAM STANFORD ... 2 | PETER CHARMAN ... 6  
JOHN H. B. HESSE ... 3 | JACK BRANCH ... 7  
WALTER CHARMAN ... 4 | ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor  
Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING

SIX BELL PEALS.

EMBLETON, NORTHUMBERLAND.  
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Wednesday, August 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,  
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

\*KENNETH A. NICHOLSON ... Treble | ROBERT W. LEIGHTON ... 4  
HERBERT P. CLIFF ... 2 | STEPHEN THOMPSON ... 5  
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 3 | ADAM DEAS ... Tenor  
Conducted by WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON.

\* First peal of Minor. This peal, which was specially arranged for the occasion, was rung immediately after the wedding of Miss Christina Margaret Cameron, third daughter of Admiral and Mrs. Ewen Cameron, and Viscount Stopford, oldest son of the Earl and Countess of Courtown.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, August 5, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Plain Bob and Woodbine Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, each called differently.  
Tenor 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  cwt.

\*LEWIS J. BATLEY ... Treble | †DAVID CRACKNELL ... 4  
WILLIAM J. CLOVER ... 2 | †GEORGE FILBY ... 5  
ALPHRED J. BERRY ... 3 | GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor  
Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

\* First peal. † First peal in five methods.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, August 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising two 720's of Plain Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob, and two of Oxford Treble Bob, each called differently.  
Tenor 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN SPENCER ... Treble | FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... 4  
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 2 | JAMES SPALDING ... 5  
GEORGE LEE ... 3 | GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor  
Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

RINGSTEAD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 7, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Double Court, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob.  
Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE H. ROBERTS ... Treble | JACK STUBBS ... 4  
ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... 2 | WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... 5  
WALTER COPPERWHEAT ... 3 | \*CHARLES M. WHITNEY ... Tenor  
Conducted by WM. J. WHITMORE.

\* First peal in five methods away from the table. Arranged for E. E. Whitmore, of Kells, Co. Meath, Ireland, who was home on holiday.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 8, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT, STELLA,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in eight methods, viz.: Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob spliced, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. in B.

JOHN A. BROWN ... Treble | KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN ... 4  
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 2 | STEPHEN THOMPSON ... 5  
HERBERT P. CLIFF ... 3 | ADAM DEAS ... Tenor  
Conducted by WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON.

HOLLINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 9, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.  
Tenor 21 cwt.

\*JAMES E. POLLARD ... Treble | \*SAMUEL S. VINCE ... 4  
†ALFRED W. BODIAM ... 2 | ALEXANDER WADDINGTON ... 5  
STEPHEN LONG ... 3 | †GEORGE DAVIDSON ... Tenor  
Conducted by A. WADDINGTON.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. First peal of Doubles on the bells, and believed to be the first peal since 1845, when the local company rang a peal of Bob Minor. All the above are members of the local band, with the exception of the conductor.

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Friday, August 10, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN A. BROWN ... Treble | HERBERT P. CLIFF ... 4  
ROBERT W. LEIGHTON ... 2 | WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 5  
KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN ... 3 | STEPHEN THOMPSON ... Tenor  
Conducted by STEPHEN THOMPSON.

DENNINGTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, August 10, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob.  
Tenor 19 $\frac{1}{2}$  cwt. in E.

GEORGE LEE ... Treble | ALFRED H. WATSON ... 4  
GEORGE MAYERS ... 2 | FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... 5  
JOHN HALL ... 3 | TONY PRICE ... Tenor  
Conducted by TONY PRICE.

Mr. J. Hall has now rung each of these bells to a peal.



BILLINGBOROUGH, Lincs.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 9, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Norfolk, Ipswich, Cambridge, Primrose, Hull and Bourne.

CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER ... 4
MISS KATH M. BRADFORD ... 2	HORACE M. DAY ... 5
MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY ... 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

This peal was arranged for the ringers of the 2nd and 3rd, and was Miss Bradford's first attempt for a peal in seven Surprise Minor methods.

The following peals were rung on a short tour in Somerset during the August Bank Holiday week-end:—

CHEW MAGNA, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 29 cwt. in C.

CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY Treble	STEPHEN H. WOOD ... 5
BRIAN J. E. WHITE ... 2	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON ... 6
F. STEDMAN POOLE ... 3	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... 7
JOHN H. B. HESSE ... 4	ALBERT A. HUGHES ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 4, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's.

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

ALBERT A. HUGHES ... Treble	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 5
EDITH K. FLETCHER ... 2	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... 6
STEPHEN H. WOOD ... 3	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON ... 7
F. STEDMAN POOLE ... 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 6, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 6018 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. in C sharp.

CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... 6
STEPHEN H. WOOD ... 2	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... 7
EDITH K. FLETCHER ... 3	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 8
F. STEDMAN POOLE ... 4	E. GEORGE TREW ... 9
JOHN THOMAS ... 5	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON. Conducted by EDITH K. FLETCHER.

Rung as a 90th birthday compliment to Mrs. H. W. Collins, of Haslemere, an old inhabitant of Wrington.

BARROW GURNEY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 7, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Edward,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

BRIAN J. E. WHITE ... Treble	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 5
NORAH G. WILLIAMS ... 2	STEPHEN H. WOOD ... 6
EDITH K. FLETCHER ... 3	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 7
RICHARD F. ROE ... 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

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The following peals were arranged by Mr. W. Keeble for Messrs. W. H. Fussell and F. Bennett, during a holiday in Essex:—

GREAT TEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 4, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Barnabas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

PERCY GREEN ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT ... 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... 3	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 7
GEORGE GREEN ... 4	*JOSEPH DYER ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal of Triples. Mr. W. Elliott has been ringing Stedman for 50 years, and this is his first peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sunday, August 5, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... Treble	FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 5
FRANK CLAYDON ... 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3	WALTER ARNOLD ... 7
FRANK BENNETT ... 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by WALTER ARNOLD.

GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

PERCY GREEN ... Treble	GEORGE GREEN ... 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 2	GEORGE PIPER ... 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 7
FRANK BENNETT ... 4	JOSEPH C. JENNINGS ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 6, 1934, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... 5
JOSEPH C. JENNINGS ... 2	PERCY GREEN ... 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... 3	*WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 7
WILLIAM LINCOLN ... 4	ARTHUR HEAD ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

\* 77th peal. A compliment to Mr. C. H. Howard, late Master of the Essex Association, who entered his 50th year as a resident tradesman of Braintree this month.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 9, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*VICTOR E. KERRIDGE ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... 5
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 6
GEORGE M. RASHBROOK ... 3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 7
GEORGE CHALK ... 4	RONALD BULLEN ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

\* First peal of Surprise.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—At the Parish Church on July 25th, a quarter-peal of Doubles, comprising 480 Plain Bob and 780 Grand-sire (different callings): C. A. Tammadge 1, A. S. Richards (conductor) 2, Miss H. Oakshott (first quarter of Doubles) 3, H. Mackinden 4, J. Page-Wood 5.

## RINGERS' DAY AT TROWBRIDGE.

### BELFRY GIFTS DEDICATED.

#### Visitors Take Part in a Broadcast Programme.

August Bank Holiday was 'Ringers' Day' at Trowbridge, and proved a great success, a large gathering of ringers attending from all parts of the country to hear and try the new ring of twelve bells cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., which were opened less than a fortnight previously. Ringing commenced at 10.30 a.m., the bells being raised in peal and kept going in various methods until noon. The Rector (the Rev. Nisbet Wallace), together with the churchwardens and members of the Town Bells Committee, then visited the ringing chamber.

The Vicar extended a welcome to all the visitors, and proceeded to dedicate various gifts which had been presented to the tower, which included an oak table, ringing mats, and a framed photograph of the late Wm. McGaffrey, for many years captain of the tower, who conducted most of the early peals for the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

Mr. F. White, late churchwarden, then unveiled a peal tablet recording two peals, one of Cambridge Surprise Royal, and the other a peal of Stedman Caters. This peal was the last rung on the old ten, and the first on ten bells by the regular Sunday service band. It was also the first peal of Caters rung by resident members of the Salisbury Guild. Mr. White spoke of the good work done by the local ringers for Sunday service ringing, and also of their enthusiasm in taking over the responsibility of raising the money for the new peal of bells and the frame.

The Vicar dedicated the tablet, suitable prayers being offered, and the ceremony closed with the singing of the Doxology in the packed belfry.

Ringling then proceeded until 3 p.m., when the bells were lowered in peal in preparation for a rehearsal of a broadcast programme which was to follow at 8 p.m. Many then heard the new Trowbridge chimes for the first time. After the clock had struck the hour the bells were again raised and kept going until 4.30, when a short service was held.

The service was conducted by the Rector, and attended by a congregation of about 200. The lesson was read by Canon G. F. Coleridge (whom all present were very pleased to welcome and to see sufficiently recovered from his recent accident to be able to attend). He also gave a short address from the words, 'Twelve princes shall he beget' (Genesis xvii. 20), in which he alluded to the twelve princely bells placed in the tower by the united efforts of the townspeople of Trowbridge. He also reminded the ringers of their duty as churchmen first, and ringers after.

#### FROM NORTH, SOUTH, EAST AND WEST.

Tea followed in St. James' Hall, about 150 sitting down to a substantial repast, presided over by the Rector. Amongst those present were Canon G. F. Coleridge, Mr. S. L. Harding (churchwarden), Mr. C. Lansdown (chairman of the Town Bells Committee), Mr. F. White, Mr. Ledbury, Ensign Tensom, Salvation Army (Town Bells Committee), Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary, Central Council), Mrs. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary, Ladies' Guild), Mr. J. W. Jones (hon. secretary, Llandaff and Monmouth Association), Mr. E. W. Marsh (Plymouth), Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Bayley (Portsea), etc.

After tea, the Rector asked the visitors present to stand as he called out the different parts of the country from whence they came, namely, North, Midlands, East, West, South, and, as there was response from each part, the Rector said he could truly welcome ringers from the four corners of the country. He also invited all those present to pay a visit to the beautiful Rectory gardens after tea, and many took advantage of looking round the old Rectory and beautiful grounds.

Mr. F. White also welcomed the visitors, and spoke of the good work done by the local band.

Mr. S. L. Harding (churchwarden) said the church was very proud to possess a peal of twelve bells, and an efficient band of ringers. He also pointed out that the church possessed this ring through the endeavours of the local ringers. When the ringers first brought the matter of the bells needing attention before the Rector and churchwardens, they were told that funds would not permit of money being spent upon the bells, although they were very anxious that the bells should not stop ringing. The ringers then asked if the authorities would give them the power to take the job in hand, and so great was their enthusiasm that in less than twelve months the work which they were that day celebrating was accomplished. The addition of two more bells and the new frame was more than even the ringers dreamt about.

Mr. Sam Hector, on behalf of the local band, also welcomed the visitors, and moved a vote of thanks to the ladies, who had worked hard to provide tea and make it a success. Mr. J. P. Fidler, of Messrs. Taylor and Co., seconded, and also spoke of the difficulties which the tower presented for installing a peal of twelve bells. It was gratifying to his firm to hear nothing but praise of the bells.

Ensign Fensom, of the Salvation Army, who has done a great deal of work in connection with the scheme, spoke of the pleasure it had given him to become acquainted with the bells and ringers, and referred to the good fellowship which existed amongst ringers.

The ringers then again adjourned to the tower, and the bells were rung in Stedman and Grandsire Cinques, with rounds for the beginners. Many had their first pull, and many their first touch on 12.

At 8 p.m. the bells were lowered, and the chimes struck the hour, which was broadcast on the West Regional programme. Listeners then heard the bells raised in peal and rung in rounds, and later in the programme a touch of Grandsire Cinques. The special band for this broadcast, to whom great credit is due for the excellent striking, was: W. J. Prescott (Bath) 1, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher (conductor) (Enfield) 2, J. S. Roberts (Swindon) 3, J. Austen (Gloucester) 4, C. W. Woolley (Bath) 5, A. K. Harrison (Hursley) 6, S. H. Wood (Bristol) 7, C. Gardiner (Swindon) 8, W. B. Kynaston (Swindon) 9, G. H. Harding (Bath) 10, G. W. Fletcher (Enfield) 11, N. V. Andrews (Trowbridge) 12. Amongst those taking part in the broadcast programme, from 8 till 8.30 p.m., under the heading of 'Ringers' Day at Trowbridge in the company of A. G. Street,' were Mr. C. Lansdowne (chairman, Town Bells Committee), Mr. F. C. Pitt, secretary, A. G. Street, and Messrs. C. F. Andrews, C. Raison and S. J. Hector, of the local band.

During the day ringers were present from Bath (Abbey, St. Saviour's, Weston), Bristol (St. Stephen's, St. Peter's, St. Philip's), Birmingham (King's Norton, Smethwick, Selly Oak), Bournemouth, Bilton, Bushey, Chippenham (St. Andrew's and St. Paul's), Chilton, Cheltenham, Devizes (St. John's, St. Mary's, St. James'), Enfield, North Cadbury, Pirbright, Plymouth, Swindon, St. Albans, Thatcham, Westbury, Poole, Keevil, Milverton, Frome, Radstock, Nailsea, Oxford, Southwark and Nottingham.

#### SAM HECTOR IN A BROADCAST.

The broadcast part of the proceedings on the West Regional was a huge success. As mentioned above, it was announced in the B.B.C. programme as 'Ringers' Day at Trowbridge in the company of A. G. Street.' 'It might,' says the 'Wiltshire Times,' 'well have had a second caption, "Arthur in Wonderland." For A. G. Street, the famous author of "Farmer's Glory" and other books, a regular broadcaster, yet still a farmer down Wilton way, and a great-hearted "Moon-raker," during the arrangement in the broadcast was quite candid in saying, "I know practically nothing about bells," and was somewhat amazed when, as a preliminary, he was taken up to the ringing chamber and then up to the bell chamber and saw what he did see and was surprised when the quarter-jacks disturbed his inspection. Now A. G. Street and Charles Lansdown have known each other for many years, so the plot of the broadcast took quite a natural and "lifelike" course. Street, in Trowbridge on Ringers' Day, meets Lansdown and wants to know why the bells are ringing. The chimes have just sounded as they meet, and as they talk along comes the Rector, and, being introduced, tells Street much about the beautiful church which Street has been admiring. Then Lansdown, being a Friend of the Bells, has the temerity to take Street up to the ringing chamber. Here Sam Hector (the hero of 200 peals) admits them; there is a little chat; and then Charles Andrews (captain of the ringers) and Charles Raison (steeplekeeper) take Street up to the bells, answer all sorts of questions he puts to them, explain things generally, and when they return to the ringing chamber, where the conversation continues, Sam Hector discourses awhile on some of his experiences as a ringer over a period of 40 years—how when he was a boy the first thing he had to do was to take two jars which were kept in a chest in the ringing chamber down at North Curry in Summerzet across the fields for zyder; and how he rang for the Queen down Canford way, and so on. Then, what Sam calls the HRingers give a demonstration of change ringing by a touch of Grandsire Cinques, showing how the treble bell (No. 1) goes coursing in until she meets the tenor (No. 12), and how all the other bells continually change place. Thus Street becomes a convert to the love of the bells.'

'The Wiltshire Times' explained how the broadcast was arranged. It all took place within the bounds of the parish churchyard of Trowbridge. The speaking was done from the Upper Vestry Room, and those whose names went forth into the air actually took part. They were, 'in order of appearance,' A. G. Street, Charles Lansdown, the Rector, Sam Hector, Charles Andrews and Charles Raison, while the 'voices' discussing the bells and so on were those of Frederick Pitt, Reginald Elloway and Colin Lawson. Three microphones were in operation. The principal one was in the Church Vestry Room, the second in the ringing chamber, and the third in the churchyard. Control was situated in the clergy vestry, and here the microphones were faded in or out as required, so that three contact points were in operation—sometimes simultaneously. The party sat near the microphones in the Upper Vestry Room, and, as they received their cues, stood directly in front of the microphone and spoke rather more slowly than when in actual conversation. The ringers in the tower knew by electric light signals when to ring or otherwise, and the climbing of the turret stairs was done by walking down and up the Vestry Room steps. But, for the realism of the broadcast as it was listened to, the public have to thank Mr. Francis Worsley, of the West Regional B.B.C., who produced the broadcast.

#### THE 'STAR TURN.'

Without doubt, said 'The Wiltshire Times,' Sam Hector was the 'star turn.' That was evident to all who listened. As Sam's time came for his 'cider story' to be told, he cast aside his typescript, and plunged straightway into his tale. It was too well told to repeat here—we might spoil the effect, but Sam never hesitated for a moment. It was not as a broadcasting 'star' that he told his tale of having rung for the Queen, but in a natural way, with the par-

donable pride of a ringer who 'has stood in 200 successful peals.' The experts, Worsley and Street, were in high humour with Sam, and declared him to be the hero of the evening. Indeed, Street said to him later, 'You and I ought to broadcast once a week from London, Sam,' to which Sam replied, 'Ah, Mr. Street, we'd show 'em!' And we fully believe that they would.

Quite a number of people listened in only a few yards from the room where the party were doing their talking, for the Rector had very kindly set up a loud-speaker on the Rectory lawn, which was free to all. The broadcast went from Trowbridge to Washford, in Somerset, on a land wire, and then back to the Rectory.

One of the new bells was given to the church by the Salvation Army, and the following is from the 'War Cry':—

'Trowbridge is no doubt the first town in the world to possess a Salvation Army church bell. Ten of the parish bells have been recast and two extra bells added to the peal, one of these bearing the name of the Salvation Army. There will, we trust, be no spirit of rivalry between the Army drum booming "Fetch 'em! Fetch 'em!" at the street corner and the Army bell pealing "Come! Come!" from the church tower. It matters little which invitation the people heed so long as they find Christ.'

The Bells Fund still needs money. Here is an opportunity for ringers generally to support the great effort made by their Trowbridge brethren. Donations can be sent to the treasurer of the Bells Fund, care of the Savings Bank, Trowbridge, or to the Editor of the 'Wiltshire Times.' The amount received up to last week was £1,040.

#### PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Peterborough Branch was held at Peterborough on August 6th, ringers and friends attending from Northampton, Peterborough (St. John's and St. Mary's), Yardley Hastings, Great Haughton, Somersham, Stamford, Ringstead, Raunds, Irthlingborough, Grantham, Birmingham, Chatteris, etc. The company was honoured by the presence of Mr. James George.

The bells of St. John's and St. Mary's were kept going to various methods during the afternoon and evening. Service was held in St. Mary's Church, the Rev. Thompson officiating and giving a very able address.

Tea was provided at the Dujon Cafe, at which 29 were present. The business meeting was presided over by the Master of the Guild (Mr. F. Wilford), who thanked the officers for their past services.

The towers were visited again afterwards, and some good ringing done.

#### LANCASHIRE RINGERS IN LINCOLN.

On Saturday, August 4th, the ringers of St. Mark's, Worsley, Lancs, with their wives and friends, held their annual outing, the venue on this occasion being Lincoln. The party started at 7 a.m. from the Court House in high glee, with the weather in their favour. On they sped, through town and villages, until they came to climb the beautiful Snake Pass, on the top of which a little halt was made to take in the views. Then they went on until they reached the Snake Inn, where breakfast was taken. Little more than half an hour later the party were away again, through Sheffield and on to Worksop, all enjoying the beautiful country as they travelled through East Retford, East Markham, Darlton, Newton Trent and Saxilby. Lincoln was reached at 12.15 in glorious weather. An excellent hot luncheon was served at Boots' Cafe, and then the party made their way to the beautiful Cathedral with its fine towers and west front. After inspecting the interior, the visitors were met by local ringers, who escorted them up the tower, to try a fine peal of twelve bells by Taylor and Co. After some puffing and panting they set the bells going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, also Bob Royal and rounds on the twelve. Then they climbed higher to look out over the city for the noted Boston Stump. On descending, their hosts took them to the places of interest in Lincoln, the new Art Gallery, the old Roman arches, roads, etc., until tea was calling, which all thoroughly enjoyed. A start for home was made at 6.30 p.m. The return journey was made through Chesterfield, Stockport, etc., and Worsley was reached at 11.30 p.m. The ringers desire to thank all those who helped to make this outing an enjoyable and successful day, Mr. J. A. Freeman for arranging for the bells, the local ringers, and Mr. G. Chester for kindly taking the party round the town.

#### SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

DOVER, KENT.—On Sunday, August 12th, for the morning service at St. Mary's, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: C. R. Millway 1, R. T. Clark 2, J. Eagles 3, C. Turner (conductor) 4, H. Whitehead 5, F. W. Elliott (Rickmansworth, Herts), 6, H. J. Saunders 7, E. T. Ellender 8. Mr. F. W. Elliott had just returned from a tour of the battlefields in connection with the British Legion.

NORTHFIELD, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, July 29th, for evening, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans') in 45 mins.: J. Withers, sen., 1, G. E. Fearn 2, H. J. Turner 3, H. H. Fearn 4, J. Vaughan 5, F. Hobbs (first in the method) 6, J. Withers, jun. (conductor) 7, A. Hobbs 8.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. G. F. Woodhouse has just rung a perfect half-peal of Double Norwich Major and a perfect quarter-peal of London Surprise Major on his ringing machine, described in 'The Ringing World' last week.

But even a ringing machine can 'change course'! Mr. Woodhouse attempted a peal of Superlative Surprise, but after 4,600 changes one key missed functioning, and a 'change course' resulted. This was a bit of real bad luck.

The umpire of the handbell peal of Stedman Triples by the College Youths, reported on page 468 of our issue of July 27th, was Mr. George Willmott Debenham.

We referred last week to the fact that York Minster was the first church in which a ring of twelve bells was placed, but that they were reduced to ten in a recasting that subsequently took place. Next Sunday is the anniversary of the opening of the ring of ten, which took place on August 19th, 1765.

The 'N.U.T.S.' Warwickshire Branch, had a couple of field days during the holidays and took twelve 'scalps.' There are several ringing organisations who go by their initials. The N.U.T.S. are the well-known National Union of Tower Snatchers.

Can you guess the full titles of the following?—

A. O. P. G.  
I. O. T. M.  
S. S. D. S.

There are no entrance fees for this competition—and no prizes.

There was an extraordinary shrinkage in the number of peals rung during the month of July. The number was only 71, compared with 115 in the same month in 1933, and 131 in July, 1932.

Up to the end of July this year 922 peals had been rung. In the same period last year the number was 1,008.

Mr. E. C. S. Turner, of Ealing, has just been elected an Associate of the Incorporated Society of Accountants. Mr. Turner was elected an honorary member of the Central Council at the last meeting in order that his services might be utilised on the Methods Committee.

A car conveying some well-known ringers, who had been on tour in Somerset, to Trowbridge for the Ringers' Day, on August Bank Holiday, left the Lion Hotel, Wroughton, with an unusual kind of 'trailer' attached. The occupants of the car, as well as the jokers, had to laugh at the joke, but wild horses will not drag from us a description of the attachment, except to say it would have provided an uncomfortable seat for a long journey.

The trailer may have been affixed, partly in retaliation upon the other practical joker who, the night before, sowed up the gentlemen's pyjamas and put pieces of 'monkey puzzle' inside their pillows. Or, again, it may not.

## OAK BELL FRAMES.

THE CONDITION OF ST. BENEDICT'S, CAMBRIDGE.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—I agree with Messrs. John Taylor and Co.'s letter in your issue of August 3rd regarding recent comments in 'The Ringing World' of bands visiting St. Benedict's, Cambridge, and the necessary spanner.

Last Saturday I was invited to stand in a peal at this tower, and proceeded with caution, spanner in hand. I found, as Messrs. Taylor had said, that the dry weather had caused the wood to shrink very much. Of all the bells I have inspected, this is the only bell chamber where I have found the nuts could first be moved by hand. It seemed as if old Stedman had been in front with a spanner.

We rang 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor (A. Wilson 1, Miss K. Willers 2, C. W. Cook 3, R. Smith 4, R. Howard 5, F. Warrington 6) as a first 720 in a peal, but owing to the bells then needing a further tightening it was thought advisable to stop.

In fairness to Messrs. Taylor and Co. it can be noted Bourn (8), 1923, and Willingham (6), 1925, have not given the slightest sign of trouble.

F. WARRINGTON.

Over, Cambs.

## A DEVONSHIRE RINGING TOUR.

A peal-ringing tour in South Devon begins to-morrow. The headquarters of the party will be at the Pendragon Hotel, Paignton, and the following towers are to be visited:—

Saturday, August 18th: Dawlish and Kingsteignton.

Sunday, August 19th: Buckfast Abbey.

Monday, August 20th: East and West Teignmouth.

Tuesday, August 21st: Ipplepen and Plympton.

Wednesday, August 22nd: Bovey Tracey and Woborough.

Thursday, August 23rd: Paignton and Marychurch.

Friday, August 24th: Ugborough and Brixham.

Saturday, August 25th: Moreton Hampstead.



## THE AUSTRALIAN TOUR.

### SOME OF THE BELLS ON WHICH VISITORS HOPE TO RING.

The forthcoming visit of a party of English ringers to Australia—by the way, they will sail, all being well, from London exactly four weeks from to-day—has aroused interest in the bells which will be available for their operations. Their visit centres on Melbourne, in the State of Victoria, where this year the centenary of the city is being celebrated, and it is here at the Cathedral that the principal peal attempts will be made.

St. Paul's Cathedral has 13 bells, there being, in addition to the peal of 12 with a 31 cwt. tenor, an additional second bell, which provides a light eight. These bells, with a total weight of 148 cwt., were cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1889. It is from the Whitechapel Foundry, in fact, that most of the Australian ringing peals have come.

St. James' Church, Melbourne, has a ring of eight, tenor 13 cwt., six of which were cast in 1852, and two trebles added in 1885. At St. Patrick's Church is another octave, with 19½ cwt. tenor, cast by Murphy, of Dublin, in 1853, and in the suburb of Toorah St. John's Church has eight bells, tenor 12 cwt.

There are two rings of eight in Ballarat, one, with a tenor of 23 cwt., in the Alfred Memorial tower, at the City Hall, which is under control of the municipality and cast in 1869, and another, cast in 1892, with a tenor of 12 cwt., at St. Peter's Church. Here, however, only the back six are ringable. Geelong has an 1867 peal (tenor 14 cwt.) at St. Paul's Church, and at Sandhurst, near Bendigo, a church, also dedicated to St. Paul, has a peal of eight, tenor 21 cwt., cast in 1872. All these are in the State of Victoria, and the visitors hope to try them, but in regard to one or two rings it is doubtful if they are pealable.

### PASSING CALLS

Before reaching Melbourne, the visitors will touch at two other points on the Australian continent. Exactly a month after leaving England, the ship is due to call at Fremantle, the port for Perth, the capital of Western Australia. A visit will be made to Perth, where, at the Cathedral, there are eight bells (cast in 1901 by Warner and Sons), and to a neighbouring suburb, where there is a ring of six. At both these places they are already assured of a cordial welcome from the authorities, but the amount of ringing that will be possible depends upon the length of the ship's stay in port. If a peal attempt at the Cathedral is not possible on the outward journey, it is hoped that arrangements can be made to attempt it on the return voyage.

Three days after leaving Fremantle the ship calls at Adelaide, South Australia, and here there is a ring of six, at St. Andrew's Church, Walkerville, with 13 cwt. tenor, and a ring of eight at Darling Point, not far away as distances go in Australia. These bells, formerly six, cast in 1861, were augmented to an octave a few years ago. The tenor is 9 cwt., and the church is dedicated to St. Mark. Here again, the opportunities for ringing will be limited by the length of the ship's stay in port.

### TASMANIA AND SYDNEY.

Before the stay at Melbourne ends, the party intend to visit Hobart, Tasmania. This is reached by an 18 hours' sea journey across Bass Strait, and a seven hours' train

ride. The authorities and ringers at Hobart are looking forward to this visit with eager anticipation.

The Church of Holy Trinity has a peal of eight bells with tenor of 9½ cwt., cast at Whitechapel in 1846. These are regularly rung by an enthusiastic band, and on the King's birthday in June they rang in the presence of the Governor of the Island.

The farthest point of the tour will be reached at Sydney, where the visitors have been invited to ring at the Roman Catholic Cathedral. The bells are a ring of eight, with a tenor 26 cwt., cast by Mears and Stainbank in 1882, and are now on ball bearings.

The first church bells in Australia were put up in St. Philip's Church, Sydney. They were cast by Thomas Mears in 1794, but were eventually disposed of. The old church was demolished in 1856 and a new church was consecrated in 1858. A new peal of eight was installed with tenor 20 cwt., and rung for the first time at day-break on July 25th, 1859. They have not been rung for 25 years, and the possibility of peal ringing on them is not at present known in England, but they are interesting from the fact that the first peal in Australia was rung on them in 1890.

St. John's Church, Camden, a suburb of Sydney, also has a Whitechapel ring of eight (tenor 14 cwt.), and in the neighbourhood of the city are three churches with rings of six, which it is hoped to visit, as well as two others (St. Mark's and St. Jude's), with light rings of eight.

The touring ringers will find their time pretty fully occupied if they visit all these towers, even if no others are included in the itinerary, especially when the distances to be travelled and the incidental sight-seeing are taken into account. From the time the visitors first touch Australian soil to the time they leave Fremantle again about seven weeks later they will travel in and around the Commonwealth alone about 6,500 miles. The rest of the journey involves something like another 20,000 miles, so that on their return to England they will have covered a distance equal to more than once round the world!

### CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. GROWING FUNDS.

The annual festival of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at Frodsham on August Bank Holiday. There was only a moderate attendance owing, it was presumed, to the adverse weather conditions in the district and the circumstances of the majority of the members of two large branches, whose work in these hard times prevents them from attending. The proceedings commenced at 11 a.m. with a service in the Parish Church, and a most impressive address by Rev. M. W. Myers, D.D., Vicar of Frodsham.

The business meeting was held in the Overton Schools, Rev. C. A. Clements, the Master, being in the chair, supported by Rev. W. R. Ingham, hon. secretary and treasurer of the Guild.

The annual report was adopted, and the passing of the statement of accounts was confirmed.

The balance sheet showed a balance on the income and expenditure account of £133 13s. 9d., carried forward at the end of 1933, compared with £104 16s. 3d. at the end of 1932.

The report indicated that every branch showed an increase of funds and that the total membership increased from 598 to 622. The peals rung were 63, against 71 in the year before.

All the officers were re-elected.

Mr. J. Norbury (Macclesfield) gave a report on the meeting of the Central Council, held at Warwick, at Whitsuntide.

The approval of the Guild was obtained for a proposed memorial to the late Rev. A. T. Beeston, the memorial to consist of a bell metal tablet, to be placed in Norbury Church, where the late Rev. A. T. Beeston first learnt to ring.

It was agreed to hold the next annual festival at Norbury on Saturday, July 27th, 1935.

Votes of thanks were tendered to the incumbents at Runcorn, Grappenhall, Daresbury and Handbridge, and to the Dean and Chapter of Chester Cathedral for permission to ring, and to the Rev. Dr. Myers for his address at the service.

## BELLS OF ST. MARY'S, NOTTINGHAM

### INTERESTING RING TO BE RESTORED.

The news, recently made known in these columns, that the bells of St. Mary's, Nottingham, are to be rehung, will be welcomed by those who know the condition of the old frame. It is of patchwork construction, and has long outlived its really effective state. The work of installing the new frame and rehanging the bells in modern fittings is to be carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

The church is a glorious old pile, and the bells themselves cover centuries of history. The oldest of them is the 9th, and it is a very fine piece of workmanship, with three rows of decoration and with lettering finely stamped. There are upon it four impressions of the Royal Arms, alternating with four founder's marks. The circular mark found on the bell was reserved for Henry Oldfield's more important work, among which was Great Tom of Lincoln, cast 1610. The eighth and sixth bells



ST. MARY'S CHURCH, NOTTINGHAM.

were also from the Oldfield Foundry, which was carried on in Nottingham for two hundred years, and the seventh and fifth, added after the Restoration, have borders and lettering which suggest Oldfield workmanship.

At least half the present peal replace earlier bells. As early as the end of the fourteenth century, William Brayer de Nottingham was a prominent bell founder, and there is a record that in 1394 the clerk was sued for selling a clapper.

The inscription on the bells are as follow:—

Treble.—C. and G. Mears, Founders, London. Recast in 1856. J. W. Brooks, Vicar; W. Dearden, J. Coops, Churchwardens.

(The original inscription would probably have been the same as that on the second bell; and both seem to have been given at the time of the coronation of King George III.)

2nd.—Richd. Lambert and John Wyer, Churchwardens. Raised by subscription, 1761. Scrope Beardmore, Vicar, D.D. The Hon. Wm. Howe and John Plumtre, Esq., Members for the town. Lester & Pack, London, fecit.

(Inscription is in small Roman capitals, curiously arranged.)

3rd.—Rev. Scrope Beardmore, D.D., Vicar. G. Brown, H. Ward, J. Burgess, Churchwardens, 1765. By subscription. Sodales Musici Nottinghamienses Restauraverunt. Lester & Pack, of London, fecit. Translation: 'Nottingham friends of music restored me' (supposed to be the Sherwood Youths).

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## DEATH OF A WELL-KNOWN DERBYSHIRE RINGER.

MR. CHARLES SEVERN, OF KILLAMARSH.

His many friends will regret to learn of the sudden death of Mr. Charles Severn, which occurred at his home, Bridge Street, Killamarsh, on Thursday, August 2nd, from heart failure.

Mr. Severn had been a ringer and captain at St. Giles' Church, Killamarsh, for upwards of 46 years, and rang most regularly for service up to the commencement of his illness nine months ago.

Always of a cheerful disposition and ever willing to lend a hand in peal or practice, he set an example in service which many might follow with beneficial results to the Exercise.

He started his ringing career at the Church of St. Giles in the year 1887, and later joined the Yorkshire Association, the old East Derbyshire Association, now the Sheffield and District Society. He also was a member of the Midland Counties and North Notts Associations.

Among his collection of 86 peals can be mentioned his first peal of Treble Bob Major, which he composed and conducted at the first attempt in the year 1898. He was also one of the band who rang in the first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major, conducted by the late Sam Thomas. Of that band only one remains in the person of Mr. Thomas Bettison, of Mansfield. Mr. Severn also composed and conducted the first peal of Spliced Treble Bob Major for the Yorkshire Association.

Mr. Severn was an authority on Minor methods, and arranged and conducted the first peal of London Surprise Minor in seven different extents ever rung. He also arranged and called the first peal of Cambridge Minor, the first for his association. His greatest ambition was to arrange and conduct the first peal of Double Surprise Minor ever rung, namely, Biddulph Double Surprise Minor, of which he was the author, upwards of 30 years ago. He was never so happy as when composing, transposing or proving methods, in which sphere his advice has been sought from far and near.

The funeral took place on Saturday, August 4th, at the Church of St. Giles, the Rector (the Rev. J. Milner) officiating. Others who attended besides the family mourners were the churchwardens members of the Church Council, of which Mr. Severn was a member, Mr. M. E. Wilson (secretary of the Sheffield and District Society), Mr. S. F. Palmer (representing the Southern District of the Yorkshire Association), Mr. Arthur Knights and Mr. W. Allwood (Chesterfield District of the Midland Counties Association), Mr. Palmer (Staveley), Mr. Howes Smith (Eckington), Messrs. Reece and Morris (Barlborough), Mr. Thomas Bettison (of Mansfield Woodhouse), and the local company. There were also many floral tributes sent, including one in the shape of a bell from deceased's fellow-ringers.

The deepest sympathy and condolence goes out to the widow and members of the family in their sad bereavement.

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4th.—As the 3rd, except for Latin pentameter: 'Untouched, I silent am; strike, and I sweetly sing.'

5th.—Inscription translated from Latin: 'When my voice is lifted up, do Thou, O Jesu, direct pious souls. O come, let us sing.' I. Edwardes, I. Sweetapple, Churchwardens.

6th.—Ralphs Shawe and Henry Alvie, Wardens, 1613; Robert Aldredg, Vicar.

(This bell bears two founder's marks of Henry Oldfield, jun., the Calvary cross, crescent and star, and H.O., and a fleur-de-lis between the two letters H.O.)

7th.—Translated: 'May this bell be consecrated by the Blessed Trinity.' W. Slurup, T. Graze, Wardens, 1690.

8th.—Translated: 'In the name of Jesus Christ let every knee bow, of things in Heaven, of things in earth and of things just.' R.A.V., M.G., 1605, W.L.

9th.—Translated: 'Thus, O Bell, with thy sound, do thou summon the hosts of the Lord.'

(The names of the Mayor, Wardens and Alderman appear on this bell, which is dated 1595.)

Tenor.—Rev. Scrope Beardmore, D.D., Vicar; G. Browne, H. Ward, J. Burgess, Wardens, 1765.

'I will sound and resound unto thy people, O Lord, With my sweet voice, and call them to thy word.

I tole the tune that doubtful is to such as live amiss, But sweet my sound unto them who hope for joyful bliss.'

Lester & Pack, of London, fecit. (Weight 34½ cwt., dia. 57½ in.)

This bell seems to be, at least, the fifth of its line. There was, presumably, its predecessor in pre-Reformation times; then, in 1590, the 'greate bell' was set up, which was perhaps the one 'brought from Mr. Quernbe's.' This must have been recast about 50 years later, for Blacknor gives the date of the tenor bell as 1637, and states that it was broken in 1757 and recast by Hedderley. Finally, the present tenor bell was cast in 1765.

There is also a priest's bell. It has no inscription, date or decoration.

The great interest of St. Mary's, Nottingham, to ringers is the fact that this was the church where William Doubleday Crofts, the Nottingham solicitor, who was a pioneer of change ringing in the Sherwood Forest district, did most of his ringing.

**BEETLE UPSETS A MEETING.****RINGERS' CELEBRATION OF SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN JUBILEE POSTPONED.**

As long ago as 1785 Bobbie Burns wrote 'the best laid schemes of mice and men gang aft a-gley.' Nearly 150 years afterwards we realised the truth of his words when, with a deep disappointment, it was learned last Thursday that the meeting of the Nottinghamshire ringing organisation in connection with the Southwell Diocesan jubilee could not be held.

All the careful preparations were brought to naught by a beetle! Unfortunately this beastie has attacked the beautiful Cathedral. The work of eradicating the pest has been proceeding for some time, and has necessitated the erection of scaffolding up to and around the precarious balcony from which the bells are rung, and the taking up of most of the floor boards, so that it is impossible to ring the bells.

Hoping against hope that the work would be completed in time, the authorities held out until Thursday, when notice was sent out reluctantly cancelling the meeting.

All who notified their intention to be present were immediately informed of the state of affairs, but to those who may have journeyed to Southwell in vain, apologies and sincere regrets are tendered, and it is hoped that 'tis but a pleasure deferred. I. T.

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AT RUISLIP.****VICAR DISPARAGES THE CRITICS.**

The meeting at Ruislip on Saturday of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was marked by a striking address of the Vicar, Rev. Canon E. Cornwall Jones. Basing his remarks on three messages given by the bells, summoning, sympathy and solace, he stressed the importance of the ringer's duties. Every Sunday the message of the bells went forth and was interpreted by those who heard it in many ways. People became accustomed to the bells, and, like so many things, took them for granted until they were stopped. There were some 'mean and fractious' people, he said, who disliked the bells, but he was sure that if all the bells of England ceased to ring there would first be surprise and then protests from tens of thousands of the people. As fellow-workers of the sanctuary, he urged members to perform their duties to the best of their abilities.

The shortened evensong was conducted by the Vicar with the assistance of his curate and the organist, Mr. Owen.

Tea followed in Fabb's Restaurant, with the vice-president, Mr. J. A. Trollope, in his usual role, supported by the Vicar, curate, organist and nearly thirty members and friends. Association officials were to the fore with Mr. E. Morris (Midland Counties Association), Mr. J. G. A. Prior (London County), and Mr. T. J. Fowler (Oxford Diocesan Guild), while Mr. W. Pickworth, vice-president of the North and East District, was present with Mrs. Pickworth. A very frequent and forceful 'ta' left no doubt of the presence of the younger generation, too!

At the subsequent business meeting topics of interest discussed included references to the supposed derelict six at Hayes, and to the need for efficient blocking of the louvres at the new Church of St. Andrew, Kingsbury.

It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Staines on September 8th, if possible, going to St. Mary's instead of St. Peter's as hitherto. Heartly thanks to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting concluded the business.

The tower bells were rung during the afternoon and evening under the direction of the District Ringing Master, Mr. Tom Collins, and methods from Grandsire to a 'nibble' at Spliced Surprise were rung.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.****THREE GENERATIONS AT A MEETING.**

A meeting of the Lavenham District of the Suffolk Guild was held at Preston on Saturday week. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., the methods rung being Plain Bob, Single and Double Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise. Tea was provided in the Village Hall. In the absence of the Rector (the Rev. J. Bernard Hall) the chair was taken by his son Mr. J. Bellamy Hall, leader of the Preston company. Special mention was made of the progress of the young band of Preston and the help given them by Messrs. A., S. H. and D. A. S. Symonds. These three generations were present at the meeting.

Mr. A. Symonds informed the assembly that it was at Preston Church, 71 years ago, that he first tolled a bell, this being one that hung in a tree, the tower having fallen down. Six years later he started to learn change ringing.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, Mr. J. B. Hall for presiding, the ladies for providing tea, and Mr. H. Herbert, district secretary, for the interest he has taken in his district.

The places represented at the meeting were Bildeston, Chelmsford (Essex), Lavenham, Lyme Regis (Dorset), Preston, Stowupland and Sudbury. Amongst the visitors were Mr. E. Runter and Miss A. White, Chelmsford, and the Rev. C. Carew Cox, of Lyme Regis.

The next meeting is to be held at Monks Eleigh on Saturday, September 8th.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION****SUGGESTED ANNUAL DINNER—DECISION POSTPONED.**

A quarterly meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held on Saturday at Penmark, one of the most isolated parishes in the association's area, situated in the agricultural vale of Glamorgan, 'far from the madding crowd.' The attendance, though not large, was quite good, and the visit much enjoyed. The Vicar, the Rev. T. F. Price, was at the church to welcome everyone on arrival. The bells are a ring of six, and prior to the induction of the present Vicar had been idle for a few years, but through his influence they are now again rung by a local band.

A short service was held, and afterwards all were kindly invited to the Vicarage, where, in the large dining room, a bountiful tea was enjoyed.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar taking the chair. Among the items dealt with were instructors' reports, proposed restorations and augmentations and the election of new members. The last-named embraced the local band. Change ringing is not at present done at Penmark, and the leader asked if the association could assist them by sending an instructor. This request was acceded to, Mr. F. Hannington, of Cardiff, undertaking the task.

The report of the committee appointed to deal with a proposed annual dinner was read by the hon. secretary (Mr. J. W. Jones), and it was unanimously decided that it should stand over until the annual meeting, which is to be held in December.

At the close of the meeting a hearty vote of thanks was given the Vicar and his wife for their great kindness and hospitality. Those who failed to attend missed a most pleasurable Saturday afternoon, during which various methods were rung on the bells.

The next meeting will be held at Rumney.

**THE N.U.T.S.****WARWICKSHIRE BRANCH.**

Enthusiastic tower snatchers from Nuneaton and Coventry were on the warpath for new towers on Monday and Tuesday of holiday week, when twelve towers were visited in South Warwickshire and Leicestershire. On Monday seven towers had been selected in the south of Warwickshire, and the first of these, Kineton, was reached about 10.30. In this famous and ancient tower, the second, third and fourth bells are all lighter than the treble. After a short ring at Oxhill, the 'Snatchers' went on to Brailes, and had a look at the bells there. A look was quite sufficient, for, with a 31 cwt. tenor, they are the heaviest ring of six in Warwickshire. The double tag end on the tenor rope didn't look at all inviting. They were unable to ring there, however, as the bells have been condemned as unsafe. They then went on to Sutton-under-Brailes, where they had the unique experience of ringing the five bells from the porch. This tower was an 'extra' to the arranged programme, so they were unable to stop long at Cherington. Another ringer joined them, so they had more than enough to ring the five bells. Whichford and Great Wolford completed the programme for the afternoon, and at Whichford the visitors had the help of an old man, who, having rung the treble, and only the treble, for 'nigh on fifty years,' was very proud with himself when he rang the tenor behind to some Doubles. In the evening there remained only Shipston-on-Stour and Honington to complete the programme.

The next day, the majority of the original party, together with three others, made a tour of four towers in Leicestershire, namely, Fenny Drayton, where 16 candle stumps came in very useful to light the ringing chamber; Appleby Magna, where the youngest in the party, Norman Beesley, aged eleven, did some good work on the 12 cwt. tenor; Congerstone, where the treble was a bit of a brute; and Stoke Golding. At the last-named tower the two days' tour was finished with a 720 of Bob Minor by: R. Beesley (aged 14, and first 720 away from cover bell) 1, Percy Stone (aged 13) 2, William A. Stote (conductor) 3, Harry Hill 4, Ernest Yorke 5, Malcolm Melville 6. Thus ended a very enjoyable two days' outing, and best thanks are due to the incumbents of the various towers and to those who made the arrangements. M. M.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

The monthly meeting of the Hinckley District of the Midland Counties Association took place at Burbage on Saturday, when there was a good attendance. Good use was made of the bells (a fine peal of eight by Taylor and Co.) from 3.30 p.m. to 5 o'clock, after which the party sat down to a splendid tea in the Co-operative Hall.

At the business meeting which followed, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Broughton Astley on September 1st.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, and also to those who had prepared the tea.

Further ringing took place until eight o'clock, when the bells were lowered and a successful meeting brought to a close. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening ranged from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise Major.



## HERTFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR.

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## CUMBERLAND RINGERS EXCURSION.

On Saturday, August 11th, a party of seven ringers from St. Mary's, Egremont, held their annual outing. Leaving Egremont at 1.30 p.m. by motor, they arrived at Millow, where Mr. Slater met the party. The bells, a very nice ring of six, were soon going, and a 720 of London Surprise and 360 Stedman Doubles were successfully brought round, the first in the method on the bells. A run of seven miles through some lovely scenery brought the party to Broughton-in-Furness. Here Mr. Clark, the worthy secretary of the Furness Branch, met the party. The bells are a ring of eight and 'go' beautifully. What struck the ringers was the care with which the belfry and the bells are kept. Not a bit of grease or dirt to be seen on the bells or frame. This is as things should be, and it is a pity that the example is not copied more extensively. With the help of Messrs. Clarke and Barker, touches of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were rung and also a 360 Cambridge Surprise. A splendid tea was partaken of and thoroughly enjoyed. A move was then made for Dalton, 15½ miles away, through more beautiful scenery. Here Messrs. Metcalf and Newby met the ringers. Mr. Metcalf very kindly pointed out to the visitors various interesting things, the most notable being the grave of the famous artist, Geo. Rowney. The ringing chamber here, as at Broughton, is kept beautifully. Whether the Parochial Church Council or the ringers themselves are responsible, the writer did not learn, but whoever are they deserve every praise. The bells are a ring of ten, tenor about 22 cwt. in E flat, and are all that can be desired. With the help of the local ringers, some of the visitors had their first ring on ten bells, and a plain course of Bob Royal was rung. Afterwards Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples were brought round. It was now after 9 p.m. The party were loathe to leave, but a start was made for home, which was safely reached at 11.15 p.m.

The writer would like to take this opportunity of thanking the incumbents of the churches and also those who met the visitors and had everything in readiness. Their best thanks are also due to their energetic secretary, Mr. W. H. Cooke, for making all the necessary arrangements, which went to make these outings such a success.

G. W. T.

## RINGER'S SILVER WEDDING.

The peal of Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major at Shepton Beauchamp, on Saturday, was arranged and rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred J. Wyatt. It gave the ringers much pleasure to be able to pay this tribute to them. The peal was duly 'toasted' by setting a few things 'up at back stroke' and wishing Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt 'all the best.'

The peal was the first of 'Spliced' Major by the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association and in Somerset.

A peal of Double Norwich was also rung at Bridgwater.

## SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL COMPANY IN LINCOLNSHIRE

## A PLEASANT TOUR.

The Sheffield Cathedral ringers had their annual outing on a recent Saturday by taking a trip to Lincolnshire.

Starting at 8 a.m., a very pleasant journey was made by coach through the Dukeries, a call being made at Grantham soon after 10 a.m. Here the bells were raised, and the fine old peal of ten put into changes first with the tenor 'in' and then with the tenor 'out' in order that the good qualities could be heard from both aspects.

After a chat with a few of the local company, who were good enough at this early hour to give the visitors a friendly welcome, the journey was continued by way of Sleaford and on to Boston, where at the Scala Cafe and Restaurant full justice was done to an excellent dinner.

The famous 'Stump' was the next objective, and a steady climb made to the ringing chamber, where the party found Mr. F. Dewey and others of the local company ready to receive them.

Having already heard the praises of this new peal of ten by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., all were anxious to hear for themselves and judge accordingly. Consequently, the bells were immediately set to changes with touches in various Caters and Royal methods. With the help of friends, a full hour was devoted to both ringing and listening outside, with the result that all were unanimous in voting the peal an excellent one, whilst the 'go' was everything that could be desired.

As the writer had the honour of taking part of the last peal rung on the old bells under the extremely difficult conditions which prevailed at that time, he cannot speak too highly of the improvements made in the ringing chamber itself, and for the comfort of the present ringers in the performance of their duty, without any interference with the fabric. Although by no means ideal, it is now a pleasure to ring at Boston, and the bell hangers are to be congratulated on their work in this direction alone.

Reluctantly the bells were lowered and a descent made of the long pile of steps, the general expression being that it was a good thing these were not at Sheffield, or that ringers were not compelled to do the double journey more than twice each Sunday. Compensation, however, was derived from the magnificent views of the surrounding country obtained from the top of the tower.

A start was eventually made to the last rendezvous, by name of Surfleet, a place now come to be known as the Mecca of most travelling ringers in the east. Here again they found Mr. Rupert Richardson anxiously on the lookout and the bells all ready. This tower, as is well known, boasts of a very light peal of twelve, and at first touch rather difficult of handling, but having once raised them, all difficulties were soon overcome, and some good touches of Cinques and Maximus indulged in, with a course of London Surprise on the back eight as a variation.

Mrs. Richardson very kindly invited the party to, and bade them welcome at, Glyn Garth, where, with the usual good-natured hospitality, an excellent tea was awaiting them, the full courses being reeled off with enjoyment. Due thanks having been given, further ringing on the tower bells was done to satisfy the pleasure of all concerned, after which, at the express invitation of 'Rupert,' a return was made to Glyn Garth for a demonstration of his now famous cinematograph exhibition. With his boundless enthusiasm and earnest desire to please others, reel after reel was thrown on the screen in a darkened room to the delight of all, the bit-bit, however, being the pictures taken on the Sheffield ringers' visit two years ago, when they all, for the first time, saw themselves in action, much to the amusement of everyone. Other pictures of ringing celebrities were greatly enjoyed, including the latest taken at the Central Council meeting at Warwick. The whole performance lasted well over an hour, and Mr. Richardson was heartily thanked for his trouble in putting up the 'show' for the visitors' special benefit.

As all good things must come to an end, a return was commenced after bidding Mr. and Mrs. Richardson 'Good-bye' and 'God-speed' on their forthcoming visit to Australia. Sheffield was eventually reached soon after 11 p.m., with another of those pleasurable and never-to-be-forgotten days added to memory. Sincere thanks are offered to the incumbents of the towers visited, and to all friends who so kindly gave their assistance in an endeavour to make the outing as enjoyable as possible.

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## A WEEK-END IN ESSEX.

The St. Mary's, Putney, Association, spent a very pleasant, if rather hot, week-end, touring Northern Essex recently. Saturday, at seven 'ack umma,' a dozen locals stowed themselves aboard a very roomy coach, having their curate-in-charge (Rev. Peter Wansley) to see them off and to wish them a good time. The route took the party through London, and, on the other side, Epping Forest was crossed. Nothing very exciting occurred except taking a wrong road, and nearly missing breakfast. However, the White Horse, Harlow Common, and breakfast were eventually found. The first ringing was done at Harlow Common, and a sweet modern peal of about 11 cwt. was tried out in various methods. The outing secretary (hereinafter called the 'O.S.') would brook no delay, and the party were soon again speeding to the next objective, namely, Sawbridgeworth. Here is a hefty peal of about 25 cwt., which gave the heavy men an opportunity to loosen out their muscles. The bells go fairly well and are noted more or less as being a good old peal, although the ringing circle is anything but one. 'Behind schedule,' said the nuisance (O.S.), so off again, after wishing farewell to Mr. G. Dent, of Harlow, who was responsible for the arrangements hereabouts, to Stanstead, where, after wangling the coach into a queer place with some difficulty, the party found themselves at the wrong church. A kind lady held up traffic while the coach was got on to the road again and supplied the driver with explicit instructions as to the whereabouts of the proper edifice, which was found in due course. Here the Vicar welcomed the party, hoping to receive the latest test match figures. He could have been supplied with figures all right, but not the sort he wanted.

Stanstead has a beautiful church with some Norman doorways, etc., surrounded by roses which smelt divinely, pleased all, while in the tower a handy peal of some 13 cwt., hung back-handed, kept the ringers busy for 40 minutes or so. The Vicar extended the party an invitation to ring 'out' on the next evening, the O.S. booking it like a shot. Time does not stand still, however, and the party were bundled off to Thaxted, where it was said lunch would be taken. Someone else must have done this, however, but eventually the matter was remedied, and a visit was paid to the Parish Church, reputed to be the finest in Europe. Opinion was very much divided on this point, although there is certainly a fine hammer beam roof, which no one seems to have noticed. There is a long draught of rope, and ringing is done from the ground floor. The ropes could do with some attention, but in spite of them a couple of touches were rung, and the visitors had perforce to 'get on' to Pinchingfield, where a good old style eight were soon going to standard methods. Being, according to the O.S., now up to schedule, a few extra minutes were spent here, what time 'Bill' took a snapshot. This should be good if he had it the right way round. At the time he really couldn't say.

Off next to Braintree, where the company were to be quartered for the night. Here Mr. Wiffen and another of the Putney band were picked up, and the ringers climbed a steep ladder to ring on a musical modern eight, whose founder nobody asked. No ringing was being done here on Sundays until some repair had been carried out, so other arrangements were made for that day. After tea, the party moved on to Dunmow, taking Mr. Wiffen with them, and were met by Mr. Smith and the Vicar. A good look round a splendid church, a good pull on the splendid peal of eight here hung, and the party were ready for H.Q., supper and bed, but not before Mr. and Mrs. O.S. had looked for and found a late corner.

On Sunday, early celebration for some, and after breakfast a run again to Dunmow, picking up Mr. Wiffen and an old friend, Ron Bullen, some time of Hampstead, etc., to ring for divine service, Double Norwich being rung amongst other things. Service for some, and back to Braintree. After tea they went over to Bocking to a splendid eight and rang for service. Then came the problem how to get back to Stanstead at 7.20 as appointed. It was done to 30 seconds, and a splendid touch of Stedman saw the congregation out. Two courses of Bob Major completed the ringing. The Vicar came up with thanks, and the ringers departed for home with bundles of roses from Mr. Watts. A short halt was called at Sawbridgeworth to replenish the radiator, and away for London and Putney, the latter being reached about 11 o'clock. There was a fitch, but it somehow got mislaid. We understand Mr. O.S. has now found it at home. Question, Has he won it? Time will tell. The party would like to thank all the gentlemen who helped to make this a very successful event, especially Messrs. Dent, Wiffen and Smith, of Harlow, Braintree and Dunmow respectively, whose efforts were much appreciated by

J. H.

## BIRTHDAYS.

On Sunday, August 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Peter's Church, Croydon, for evensong, on the occasion of the second birthday of the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cyril F. Johnston and the first birthday of the son of Mr. B. Newson, a member of the local band: J. Adcock 1, D. Wright (conductor) 2, F. Ladbey 3, R. Simmons 4, F. Leeks 5, W. Bulpitt 6, E. Denham 7, G. Ades 8.

## NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on August 30th, St. Magnus' on the 23rd, \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 21st, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Branch. — Ringing meeting, St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth (12), at 3 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 18th. Tea at 5.15, Foulsham Restaurant. Names for teas. All ringers welcome. Practice nights at Yarmouth, Thursdays, August and September.—J. Harwood, 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. —The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Prestwich (8) on Saturday, Aug. 18th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at Co-op. Café, Bury New Road, 5 o'clock. Meeting in the Church Institute. Election of officers. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A by-practice meeting will be held at Godshill on Saturday, Aug. 18th. Bells (6) (recently overhauled and rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Taylor and Co.) will be available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan and Liverpool Branches. — A joint meeting of the above two branches will be held on Saturday, Aug. 18th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. (Meeting at Christ Church, Aughton.) Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions due. These bells like anything from Grandsire to London Surprise. Please attend.—C. I. Davies and W. O. Farrimond, Branch Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) AND ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The bells at Stone-in-Oxney, which have been rehung, etc., as a memorial to the late Charles W. Player, will be re-opened, and a tablet to his memory unveiled on Saturday, Aug. 18th, at 3 p.m.—P. Page, 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, and F. Conley, 11, Park Road, Ashford, Hon. Secs.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Barnet, Saturday, Aug. 18th. Bells from 3. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.40. Hadley bells from 7-9 p.m. Hadley Woods nearby. All members and friends, especially Herts friends, welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Staverton (5) on Saturday, August 18th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Swavesey on Saturday, August 18th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please advise numbers by 16th. All ringing friends of Central, Hunts & Ely Districts are invited. Church one min. off station.—F. Warrington, Mill Road, Over, Cambs.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Morecambe on Aug. 18th. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea, 1s. 3d., in the Memorial Hall, followed by the meeting at 5.30 p.m. Members, please note subscriptions are now due.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—A ringing meeting of the Chesterfield District will be held at Ash-over on Saturday, Aug. 18th. Tea can be had at cafés nearby.—J. P. Tarlton.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Washington on Saturday, Aug. 18th. Bells available 2.30. Tea at Mr. Settetree's tea rooms at 5 o'clock.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Barkway (8), Aug. 18th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea at the Wheatsheaf 5.30. We want a record meeting for the jubilee year. Bring an extra 5s. with you and get your ticket for the jubilee dinner on Nov. 3rd.—Don. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hitchin.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Dunchurch, near Rugby, on Saturday, Aug. 18th. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Tea will be arranged.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Christchurch District.—A practice meeting will be held at Ringwood to-morrow, Saturday, August 18th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

**RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.**—Saturday, August 18th. Tower open from 3.30. Tea at 5.30. Usual business meeting after. Ringing till 8.30. Good train and coach service from all parts.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel., City 4270.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wimborne Branch.—A practice meeting is to be held at Swanage and Kingston on Saturday, August 18th. Ringing at Swanage from 3 to 5.30. Tea at Oriental Cafe. Ringing at Kingston, 7-9.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Assist. Sec., 36, Dean Park Road, Bournemouth.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—By the kind invitation of Rev. E. Abbey-Tindell a meeting will be held at Wickhambreaux on Saturday, Aug. 25th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service. As

the Rector has kindly offered to entertain the ringers to tea, it is particularly requested that those intending to be present should notify Mr. Harrison Smith, The Green, Wickhambreaux, not later than Thursday, Aug. 23rd.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Alton and Petersfield District.—A by-meeting will be held at Froyle on Saturday, August 25th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5.0 by kind invitation of Sir H. Miller, Bart. Business meeting follows. Will all requiring tea please let me know by Aug. 21st (Tuesday).—C. E. Bassett, 32, Charles St., Petersfield.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Rayleigh on Saturday, Aug. 25th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Will those intending to be present kindly advise the undersigned by Wednesday, Aug. 22nd, without fail.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Maidney's Road, Romford, Essex.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Laceby on Saturday, August 25th. Bells ready 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. 6d. per head. Please inform Graham Bros., High Street, Laceby, by the previous Wednesday for tea. A good meeting is hoped for.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held on Saturday, August 25th, at Burton (six bells). Service at 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting afterwards at a small charge.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Sulgrave on Saturday, August 25th. Service 3 p.m. Number for tea to Rev. R. Howes, Cold Higham Rectory, Towcester.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Northampton District.—A meeting will be held at Moulton (eight bells) on Saturday, August 25th. Service 4.15 p.m. Numbers for tea by previous Tuesday, please.—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at Barking, Needham Market, on Saturday, Aug. 25th. Bells (6) available from 2.30; also at Baylham (6). Tea at Barking Rectory at 4.30 p.m. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Marlow (eight bells), on Saturday, August 25th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head for those who notify me not later than August 20th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Thorne on Saturday, August 25th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Members will please make own arrangements for tea.—E. Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

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**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Calverley on Saturday, August 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the church. Business meeting 7.30 p.m.—H. Loft-house, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Peak District.—The next meeting will be held at Eyam on Saturday, August 25th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. All ringers invited.—A. G. Wallace, Monyash Rd., Bakewell.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, August 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Brightling on Saturday, September 1st. Tower open at 3 o'clock. All ringers are welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Rettendon on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (6) available 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting follows. Will those requiring tea please notify me on or before Wednesday, August 29th?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dist. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Upworman on Saturday, September 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those intending to be present for tea kindly notify me by Monday, August 27th?—R. Harris, Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Cadoxton, near Neath, on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., business after. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea, please, by August 28th.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Leonard's Church, Padiham, on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil St., Blackburn.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at East Budleigh on Saturday, September 1st. Service at 4. Tea and meeting at 4.45 (1s.). Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than August 25th.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

**QUIET AFTERNOON** for ringers at Theddingworth, Leicester, Saturday, August 25th, commence 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., 9d. each, ringing afterwards. For tea, notify E. Morris, 24, Coventry Street, Leicester, by Wednesday, August 22nd.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Mr. J. Carrott, 17, Perry Street Road, Northfleet, is leaving the district, and Mr. W. J. E. Peartree, 19, Plane Avenue, Northfleet, has been elected hon. secretary of the Northfleet ringers.

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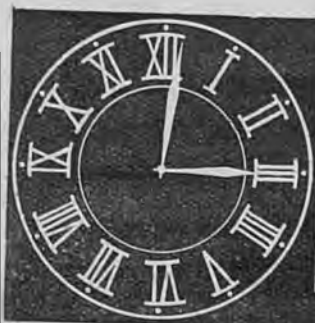
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