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## BELLS AND ANTI-NOISE CAMPAIGN.

The new Anti-Noise League, which has been established to wage war on the noises arising from the turmoil of modern life, is doubtless intended to serve a good and useful purpose. The imposition of 'silence zones' for cars in cities and great towns is a first step towards the suppression of some of the din which exacts its toll from the nerves of the public. The League is now turning its attention to other disturbing noises of everyday life, and it does not lack prompters. Every crank with a grievance or fad is urging the League to press for the suppression of his or her pet objection, and it is not at all surprising to learn that church bells are coming in for their attention. At present the agitation against bells is not very vociferous, but it may rise in a crescendo at any time. In some respects, of course, bellringing is protected against attacks, but it is well that ringers should not bury their heads, ostrich-like, in the sand. They should be prepared to resist any attempt to rush ill-considered legislation that might menace the very existence of the art itself. As far as service ringing is concerned, the Exercise would have the whole Church at its back; the danger in this matter is that some kind of departmental action might be hurriedly taken before the public had realised what had happened. We cannot imagine that church bells can be silenced by any action on the part of the Minister of Transport, who has imposed the silencing of motor horns, but in these days of bureaucratic government all sorts of things are done, and the man in the street knows nothing about them until he finds himself up against some new regulation further restricting his liberty. Ringers should watch carefully for any indication of the curtailing of ringing and should at once bring the matter to the notice of the Central Council.

At the same time, it is wise not to be blind to the fact that there are instances where the public may have a legitimate grievance against noisy bells. Ringers should never be so perverse as to ignore complaints where they are well grounded, for there is a remedy which can be adopted to allay the trouble. In fact, we would recommend ringers to take the initiative and not wait until there is a public clamour for stopping bellringing. There are now on the market various sound-absorbing materials which, at comparatively small expense, can be employed for stopping the louvres in the bell chamber. Ringers, in their own interests, ought to do it, particularly in populous districts, and no reasonable Church Council is likely to refuse. There is a further remedy which can be adopted to reduce any outside annoyance. There is a tower in the centre of London where last year over thirty peals were rung, and the number this year is likely to be

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equally as large. Yet there is no annoyance to the neighbours; indeed, the bells are hardly to be heard in the street. The secret is that the louvres are bricked up, and when a peal is attempted a special kind of 'muffle' is used, which consists of a thin plate of metal, lined with leather. It is tied to the clapper and has proved most effective in use. Early prevention will be better than eventual suppression, and we urge ringers at noisy towers to take time by the forelock and apply the remedies open to them.

## TEN BELL PEAL.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 8, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

EDWIN J. RIDLER... ..	Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... ..	6
ALFRED E. REEVES ... ..	2	ARNOLD BRUNTON ... ..	7
MRS. R. J. WILKINS ... ..	3	ALFRED PEARCE ... ..	8
F. CECIL MOGFORD ... ..	4	JOHN A. BURFORD ... ..	9
JOHN AUSTIN... ..	5	JOHN H. LAMBLE... ..	Tenor

Composed by JOHN A. BURFORD. Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 18, 1934, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

PENNING'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

*T. SYDNEY RANGLES... ..	Treble	JOHN A. RANGLES ... ..	5
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... ..	2	ARTHUR PRINCE ... ..	6
FREDERICK R. EVANS ... ..	3	THOMAS R. GRIFFITHS ... ..	7
WILLIAM CATHRALL ... ..	4	*ALFRED C. HODGES ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.

\* First peal.

NORTHOP, FLINTSHIRE.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 30, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

W. H. GEORGE'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

T. SYDNEY RANGLES ... ..	Treble	WILLIAM JONES ... ..	5
ARTHUR PRINCE ... ..	2	THOMAS R. GRIFFITHS ... ..	6
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... ..	3	JOHN A. RANGLES ... ..	7
JAMES ALDERMAN... ..	4	ARTHUR TILSTON ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.

The conductor has now called all the one-part peals of Grandsire Triples in the Central Council collection.

SLEAFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 1, 1934, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

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

Tenor 19½ cwt.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON... ..	Treble	*JACK BRAY ... ..	5
FREDERICK W. STOKES ... ..	2	ROBERT RICHARDSON ... ..	6
GEORGE R. PYE ... ..	3	JAMES E. DAVIS ... ..	7
CHARLES T. COLES ... ..	4	WILLIAM PYE ... ..	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE

\* First peal in the method. This was the first Surprise peal rung on these bells, and the first peal since the retuning and rehanging by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

WATFORD, HERTS.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, on September 9th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: A. Dix 1, C. Leman 2, W. Paul (conductor) 3, R. King (first quarter-peal inside) 4, W. Norris 5, S. Hoare 6, R. Bell 7, H. Cashmore 8.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

GEORGE LADD ... .. Treble	CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 6
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. 3	ROBERT RICHARDSON ... .. 7
JACK BRAY ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

First peal in the method on the bells. The 100th peal rung by Mrs. Richardson, and the 150th by George Ladd.

WASHINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

GEORGE LADD ... .. Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 5
MRS. JACK BRAY ... .. 2	JACK BRAY ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	ROBERT RICHARDSON ... .. 7
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

CHERITON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

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

VICARS' SIX-PART.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

FRANK A. SLINGSBY ... .. Treble	GORDON WEBB ... .. 5
WILLIAM FRIGHT ... .. 2	WILLIAM BIDNELL ... .. 6
FRANK PERVIN ... .. 3	CHARLES TURNER ... .. 7
ALEC WEBB ... .. 4	* E. THOMAS ELLENDER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES TURNER.

\* First peal. Mr. Frank Pervin (Coventry) was elected a member of the Association previous to starting for the peal.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. Treble	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 5
MRS. R. F. DEAL ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 6
ERNEST BRETT ... .. 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 7
JOSEPH WAGHORN ... .. 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by E. P. DUFFIELD.

BENENDEN, KENT.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 5, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... .. Treble	ARCHIBALD STEVENSON ... .. 5
CHARLES TRIEBE ... .. 2	WILLIAM GORRINGE ... .. 6
HARRY BAKER ... .. 3	JAMES G. POWELL ... .. 7
LESLIE W. JARVIS ... .. 4	HERBERT POPE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES G. POWELL.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss L. K. Stevenson, daughter of the ringer of the 5th.

LEWISHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

GEORGE R. SIMMONDS ... .. Treble	HARRY WARNETT, JUN. ... .. 5
ALLISON PURDOM ... .. 2	JOHN FOSKETT ... .. 6
JOHN E. LYDDIARD ... .. 3	JACK DAFTERS ... .. 7
RONALD H. DOVE ... .. 4	EDMUND MOUNTIER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK DAFTERS.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, September 6, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

BROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21½ cwt.

WILLIAM ROSE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. GROOM ... .. 5
ERNEST F. POPPY ... .. 2	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ... .. 6
ALBERT SYMONDS ... .. 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 7
ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ... .. 4	WILLIAM LAST ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

Arranged for the ringer of the 3rd while on holiday in the district.

LLANGOLLEN, DENBIGHSHIRE.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 7, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. COLLEN,

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

PENNING'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

T. SYDNEY RANGLES ... .. Treble	WILLIAM JONES ... .. 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 2	THOMAS R. GRIFFITHS ... .. 6
ARTHUR PRINCE ... .. 3	JOHN A. RANGLES ... .. 7
JAMES ALDERMAN ... .. 4	ARTHUR TILSTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 8, 1934, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

JAMES G. NEWMAN ... .. Treble	ALBERT FLEET ... .. 5
FREDERICK VICKERS ... .. 2	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... .. 6
ALFRED KING ... .. 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... .. 7
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... .. 4	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.  
Miss Steel's 200th peal. Also a compliment to Mr. T. Bull, Verger, on the birth of a son.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 8, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

HUGH J. BALCOMBE ... .. Treble	ARTHUR BIGLEY ... .. 5
WALTER COPPERWHEAT ... .. 2	CHARLES W. BIRD ... .. 6
* WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... .. 3	WALTER PERKINS ... .. 7
JAMES GEORGE ... .. 4	HARRY CHAMEERS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

\* 50th peal.

GORTON, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 8, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT BROOKFIELD CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM BRAMMER ... .. Treble	ARNOLD FERNHEAD ... .. 5
JAMES CARTER ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... .. 6
SAMUEL HOLT ... .. 3	BENJAMIN THORP ... .. 7
THOMAS JONES ... .. 4	ARTHUR PRINCE ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by B. THORP.

Arranged for Mr. A. Prince, of Bath.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 8, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. approx.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. Treble	ERNEST J. TAYLOR ... .. 5
MISS STELLA DAVIS ... .. 2	REGINALD W. REX ... .. 6
SYDNEY LODGE ... .. 3	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... .. 7
ARTHUR WIGGINS ... .. 4	WILLIAM RAMPTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

Rung on the Feast of the Nativity, B.V.M.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 8, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... Treble	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 2	E. GEORGE MORRAD ... .. 6
H. RICHARD FRENCH ... .. 3	HARRY PARKES ... .. 7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 4	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

\* First peal of Major. Great credit is due to the trebleman for the way he rang his bell. The conductor has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 8, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS THE MARTYR.

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 13 cwt.

*GEORGE HARVEY ... .. Treble	FRANK AINSLEY ... .. 5
GEORGE S. TAYLOR ... .. 2	THOMAS STEPHENSON ... .. 6
MICHAEL F. HARRISON ... .. 3	JOSEPH W. PARKER ... .. 7
HAROLD B. DITCHBURN ... .. 4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

\* First peal of Major. Rang by his brother ringers to celebrate the marriage of Mr. William Armour to Miss Janet M. Bailey, immediately preceding the peal, and also the seventh anniversary of the wedding of Mr. Thomas Stephenson.

BANBURY, OXON.

On Sunday, September 9, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

CARTER'S TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

R. HIGHAM ... .. Treble	T. IMPEY ... .. 5
W. WATSON ... .. 2	J. SIMONS ... .. 6
E. PEARSON ... .. 3	H. IMPEY ... .. 7
W. TANDY ... .. 4	*W. H. ASTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. IMPEY.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells by the local band of Sunday Service ringers. This peal was rung for the third anniversary of the institution of the Vicar, the Rev. A. L. E. Williams, M.A. Thanks are due to the Vicar and Mrs. Williams for entertaining the ringers after the peal.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

MAVESYN RIDWARE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 7, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Forty-two six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*FRANCIS A. SEDGWICK ... Treble	ARTHUR W. BOWLER, JUN. 4
FRED SEAR ... .. 2	GEORGE E. OLIVER ... .. 5
ARTHUR BOWLER, SEN. ... 3	†HOWARD HOWELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells.

PENN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, September 4, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Being three 720's of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES BLACKMORE ... .. Treble	*WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 4
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... 2	†REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... 5
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 3	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

\* 999th peal. † First peal of Minor in three methods.

HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.—For evening service, on Sunday, September 9th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Roger St. John Smith 1, W. P. Stirland 2, A. Elliott 3, P. Walker 4, J. Murrell 5, W. A. James 6, J. E. Hobbs (conductor) 7, J. Stirland 8.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 7, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

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

SYDNEY FOSKETT ... .. Treble	REGINALD WHIST ... .. 4
CHARLES W. CLARKE ... .. 2	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... .. 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... .. 3	PEARL INSKIP ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

MOULTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 8, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being 720 each of Double Court and Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH ... Treble	WILLIAM A. WOOD ... .. 4
ARTHUR GROUND ... .. 2	HARRY NICHOLS ... .. 5
GEORGE LADD ... .. 3	JOHN G. AMES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

Arranged for the ringer of the 4th, who hails from Croft, near Leicester.

UPTON BISHOP, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 8, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

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

Ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM T. POSTON ... .. Treble	ALFRED T. POULTON ... .. 4
CHARLES L. SADLER ... .. 2	WILLIAM POSTON ... .. 5
H. ERNEST COX ... .. 3	ALFRED NORMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 9, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 20 cwt. in D.

THOMAS HOADLEY ... .. Treble	*WILLIAM GORRINGE ... .. 4
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 2	*JAMES G. POWELL ... .. 5
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

\* First peal in more than one method.

BLAISDON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 9, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being ten six-scores of Grandsire and 32 six-scores of St. Dunstan's, each called differently. Tenor 7½ cwt.

TOM WORRALL ... .. Treble	ERNEST MATTHEWS ... .. 4
*CHARLES JONES ... .. 2	*WILLIAM SHOTT ... .. 5
FELIX CARTER ... .. 3	*CHARLES HODGES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MATTHEWS.

\* First peal. The ringers of the 2nd, 3rd and 5th hail from Littledean.

WITHAM, ESSEX. — On Sunday, Sept. 9th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major: W. Butler 1, J. Shynn 2, B. Rawlinson 3, W. Mellin 4, V. Glass 5, A. Evers 6, W. S. Butler 7, E. Bright (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method on an inside bell by ringer of 3rd, and first quarter-peal in the method by ringer of the 2nd.

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## CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

The following peals were rung during the annual tour of members of Cambridge University Guild:—

## GREAT SHELFORD, CAMBS.

On Sunday, September 2, 1934, in One Hour and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At HARELESDOWN,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob.  
Tenor size 11 in G.

REV. E. BANKES JAMES (Caius) 1-2 | W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 3-4  
C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) ... 5-6

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

## OVER, CAMBS.

On Tuesday, September 4, 1934, in Three Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.) ... Treble	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW
J. H. FREEBORN (Clare) ... 2	(Selwyn) 5
W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 3	B. J. E. WHITE (Queens') ... 6
REV. E. BANKES JAMES (Caius) 4	F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath.) ... 7
	C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

## ST. IVES, HUNTS.

On Tuesday, September 4, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) Treble	REV. B. F. SHEPPARD (Trin.) 5
E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.) ... 2	W. H. J. HOOTON (St. Cath.) 6
S. H. WOOD (Magdalene) ... 3	J. H. FREEBORN (Clare) ... 7
REV. E. G. BENSON (St. Cath.) 4	F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath.) ... Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD (Trin.)

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

## CAMBRIDGE, CAMBS.

On Thursday, September 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At ST. PAUL'S ROAD,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB ROYAL, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

*E. H. LEWIS (Trin.) ... 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 5-6
*C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) 3-4	*F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath.) 7-8
*S. H. WOOD (Magdalene) 9-10	

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

\* First peal of Double Bob Royal.

## THE FINCHINGFIELD PEAL BOARD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—A party of ringers visited Finchingfield in 1890 and attempted to ring a peal of Bob Major, but the conductor, Mr. C. Sillitoe, of Sudbury, let the bells run home at the half way owing to their bad go. The late Samuel Slater was one of these, and he saw the peal board mentioned in the last issue of 'The Ringing World,' by Mr. D. H. Elliott, and made a copy of it, and, of course, made enquiries concerning it. The landlord of the inn told him that at the restoration of the church, which took place after the peal was rung, the board recording it was taken down and put with a lot of old wood, which the landlord bought for firewood, but thinking it was too good to chop up, he hung it in the parlour at the inn. I cannot give you a copy of it, as the MSS. recording the incident are not at home at present.

When Samuel Slater went to Saffron Walden again he made enquiries concerning the peal which had been forgotten, and from the old ringers he gained this information. When the band met to start for the peal only seven men were there, and Matthew Adecock Ward, a young ringer, who had come to hear the peal, was asked to ring the treble and did so. He was so pleased with it that he wrote the board to record the peal and gave it to the church. When the inn was destroyed by fire the board perished with it. I am glad to find that other persons have seen the board.

I might also say that Samuel Slater did not find any peals rung on the bells by local men, so I do not think any peals were rung on them by a Finchingfield band.

Hunts Hill, Glemsford.

T. E. SLATER.

## A NEW SUSSEX PEAL OF EIGHT.

## GIFT OF THREE BELLS TO SLAUGHAM PARISH CHURCH.

In memory of the late Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Secretan, formerly of Slaugham Park, Sussex, and of their grandson (the late Mr. Tim Stevens), the Secretan family and Captain and Mrs. Stevens are presenting three new bells and a new steel girder bell frame to the fine old Parish Church at Slaugham.

There is to be a new treble bell and also two heavier ones—a seventh and a tenor. This valuable addition will make a peal of eight bells in the tower—something which has been desired for a long time. The present five bells and the oak bell frame appear to have been erected 161 years ago, there being on them an inscription, 'Thomas Janaway, Fecit 1773.'

The bells will be rung as they were formerly, from the floor of the tower, and the match-boarded cupboards and deal staircase are to be removed. The present ringing floor is to be raised above the levels of the three lancet windows of the tower, thus making the west end of the church much lighter. The scheme of improvement has been carefully considered and approved by the Advisory Board responsible for the fabric and structure of ancient Sussex churches, and the necessary faculty has been applied for. The work is to be undertaken by the well-known Croydon bell founders—Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

To the Secretan family, and to Captain and Mrs. Stevens, all who love the old Parish Church are grateful beyond words.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

## GOOD WISHES TO GENERAL SECRETARY.

About thirty members of the Guildford district met at Godalming on Saturday, and spent a pleasant time in spite of the fact that the belfry in the old central tower is without windows and efficient ventilation, and that the back bells, with a tenor of 24 cwt., despite rehanging a couple of years ago, need a lot of pulling. It was not the bell-hanger's fault; he was hampered in his task by the restrictions of the architect.

The ringing during the afternoon and evening was directed by the Ringing Master (Mr. W. R. Melville), and consisted of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major, with useful practice for many of the lesser advanced ringers.

Tea was served at the Church Hall, and the company was swelled by more than a dozen choirboys, who, on promise of tea if they came to the service, turned up in force.

At the subsequent business meeting, at which the Ringing Master took the chair, several new members were elected, the General Hon. Secretary proposing Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson in the hope, he said, that at least one of the handbell peals, if any, rung on the sea during the Australian tour, might be credited to the Guildford Guild.

Mr. C. Childs, captain of the Godalming ringers, and Mr. G. Grover, District Secretary, offered to Mr. Goldsmith good wishes for a successful and happy tour and a safe return from Australia. This was endorsed by the members.

In reply, Mr. Goldsmith said the party had the good wishes of many people up and down the country. Although they did not know what sort of bells they would meet in Australia, they were assured of a very warm welcome. As showing the spirit existing, Mr. Goldsmith mentioned that he had received a letter from the secretary of the society at Holy Trinity, Hobart, Tasmania, stating that among other forms of entertainment arrangements had been made with the Mayor to allow the visitors to ride free on the tramways during their time there.

Remarking that some difficult work was expected, Mr. Goldsmith said the party were taking with them 10 good bell ropes, a large tin of castor oil and lard mixed, and a 2ft. adjustable spanner, and if they could not make the bells in Australia go on that they would leave them alone (laughter). Incidentally, he was taking with him a set of mechanic's overalls, to be prepared for any job.

Thanks for the use of the bells were expressed by Mr. Melville to the Vicar of Godalming (Canon G. S. Richards), who, in reply, welcomed members of the Guild to Godalming, and said since their last visit the Parish Church bells had been recast, and he hoped were now in good order.

Before the meeting concluded some of the members took part in handbell ringing. In the evening a service was held in the Parish Church, the address being given by the Vicar. The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow (Wokingham) read the lesson, and Mr. G. E. Wyeth was at the organ.

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## ANOTHER WEEK-END IN LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THREE SURPRISE PEALS.

One more pleasant week-end has been spent at Surfleet, that home of peal-grabbers, bulb growers, picture makers, and globe trotters, where is a place known to quite a number of ringers as the 'Lincolnshire rest house.' Whoever gave it that name must have done so before Rupert took up picture making as a hobby. Fortunately for his guests, on this last visit, the 'infernal machine,' otherwise known as a movie camera, was packed away in readiness for the globe trotting to Australia and other parts of the southern hemisphere, so that it was quite safe to sleep in a comfortable chair on the lawn without fear of being 'snapped' and shown to posterity, looking like anything but what you imagine yourself to be. Of course, if somebody else is a victim it is quite another matter—but we will return to that later.

The real business of the week-end was to ring peals at Sleaford, Harmston and Washingborough, and, as will be seen by reference to the peal columns, all were rung. At Sleaford, on Saturday, the method was London Surprise, and it was a real treat to see Bill Pye turning in the tenor in his own style. Long may he be spared to show us how to do it!

Sunday ringing, both morning and evening, was done at Surfleet, and the rest of the day was spent in 'resting,' except when the return match was on. The return match, it may be explained, was played on a tennis court, and it will no doubt be of interest to those ringers who were at Surfleet during the first week-end in August to hear that the 'victim' in a game of tennis on that occasion had an ample revenge. No 5-0 lead turned into a 7-5 defeat this time, but just a real, slap-up, win by six clear points. It matters not if the winner was down and out for the rest of the day; he won! The deciding game is, we understand, to take place after the visit to Australia.

The peal on Monday morning at Harmston was one of Superlative, with Tom Coles 'calling ye bobs.' It was the 100th peal rung by the hostess, a feat which has taken many years to accomplish. It is expected, however, that so many handbell peals will be rung on the 'Barrabool' on the way to Australia, and on the 'Bendigo' coming home, that the 200th will soon be on record. Whenever that peal is rung, the conductor of the 100th hopes to have the pleasure of acting in a similar capacity again.

Cambridge Surprise was rung at Washingborough to get the first in the method on the bells. Another Lincolnshire hostess, Mrs. Jack Bray, took part in this peal, and showed herself to be a very capable and safe ringer. Her husband, by the way, rang two tower bell peals in one day for the first time, although he once started for three.

Peals over, some sight-seeing took place. The Manor House of Washingborough, now the Rectory, contains hundreds of art treasures, many of which were inspected. The beautiful grounds were also visited, a pleasant hour being spent. After this interlude an important function took place—the 100th peal was celebrated. Rupert had his favourite drink (no prizes are offered for correct guesses), and the conductor had the best bitter he has ever tasted, at any rate, so he said. The toast to the hostess was 'Success in Australia, a safe return home, and the 200th peal.' We must not forget the 150th peal by George Ladd was also toasted, with good wishes for another hundred or so.

After supper a few pictures were shown on the screen, and some who had spent a sleepy Sunday afternoon were very thankful that the camera had not been in action that day. A certain well-known conductor from Birmingham was seen playing (?) tennis in 'plus-twins,' doing trick riding on a diminutive cycle, and acting as 'instructor' to a lady anxious to learn to ride. But the show piece was a close-up of a lady taking a siesta in a deck chair, oh, so comfy. We are quite sure that this picture would draw a record crowd if shown in any Birmingham cinema. Three grandmas and three grandpas (one grandpa rather over at the knees) made a very interesting picture, whilst more serious, but not less interesting, were many movies of celebrities of the Exercise snapped at Tewkesbury and Warwick.

Farewells had to be made on Tuesday morning with the knowledge of the long journey in front of the host and hostess and their little daughter. Once more we wish them a successful tour and a safe return.

Mrs. Richardson's peals are made up as follows: Bob Minor 4, St. Clement's Minor 1, Cambridge Minor 1, Minor in 2 methods 1, Minor in 3 methods 5 (conducted 1), Minor in 4 methods 1, Minor in 5 methods 1, Minor in 7 methods 4 (conducted 1), Stedman Triples 2 (on handbells 1), Bob Major 11 (on handbells 15), Double Norwich Major 5, Kent Treble Bob Major 2, Superlative Surprise Major 4, Cambridge Surprise Major 3, London Surprise Major 7, Bristol Surprise Major (treble) 4, Grandsire Caters 1, Stedman Caters 3, Bob Royal 7, Kent Treble Bob Royal 1, Cambridge Royal 3, Stedman Cinques 8, Bob Maximus 2, Cambridge Surprise Maximus 3, total, on tower bells 84, on handbells 16.

**BORDEN, KENT.**—On Tuesday, August 28th, for a wedding, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Boorman 1, W. A. Cook 2, G. Kenward 3, E. J. Debbie 4, W. J. Walker 5, J. T. Webb 6, W. Spice, sen. (conductor) 7, W. Gorman 8.

## A CORNISH TOUR.

## RECORD OF NOTABLE PEAL TO BE UNVEILED AT EXETER.

A peal ringing tour, by Mr. William Pye's party, chiefly in Cornwall, but also embracing Yeovil, in Somerset, and perhaps a tower or towers in Exeter, begins to-morrow.

The visit to Exeter, at the end of the tour, is in connection with the unveiling of a board recording the peal of Stedman Caters rung on the Cathedral bells on September 14th, 1903. At that time there were only ten bells in the tower, and Mr. William Pye rang the 72½ cwt. tenor single-handed—the only time it has ever been done for a peal. It was the first peal of Stedman on the bells, and was rung under the auspices of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. The ringers were: John Thomas (Bristol) 1, Charles Mee (Ipswich) 2, Isaac G. Shade (Greenwich) 3, John Austin (Gloucester) conductor 4, Alfred W. Brighton (London) 5, Gabriel Lindoff (Dublin) 6, Charles Jackson (Hull) 7, William W. Gifford (Salisbury) 8, Ernest Pye (London) 9, William Pye (London) 10. Every other peal rung on the bells has a board in the tower, but this, the greatest performance of all, has waited more than 30 years to be fittingly recorded in the place where it was rung.

The following is the programme for the week's tour:—

Saturday, September 15th, Yeovil (Somerset), 3 p.m.  
 Sunday, September 16th, Looe, 12.30 p.m.  
 Monday, September 17th, Phillack, 9.30 a.m.  
 Monday, September 17th, St. Stephen-in-Brannel, 5 p.m.  
 Tuesday, September 18th, St. Enocher, 9.30 a.m.  
 Tuesday, September 18th, Kenwyn (not for peal), 2.30 p.m.  
 Tuesday, September 18th, Truro Cathedral, 5.30 p.m.  
 Wednesday, September 19th, St. Anthony-in-Meneage, 9.30 a.m.  
 Wednesday, September 19th, Helston, 3.30 p.m.  
 Thursday, September 20th, Lanivet, 9.30 a.m.  
 Thursday, September 20th, St. Austell, 2.30 p.m.  
 Friday, September 21st, Gulval, 9.30 a.m.  
 Friday, September 21st, Penzance (St. Mary's), 2.30 p.m.  
 Saturday, September 22nd, Roche, 9 a.m.  
 Saturday, September 22nd, Exeter, for unveiling of peal board, at 4 p.m. Possibly a peal or peals may be attempted at churches in Exeter should time and circumstances permit.

## 'UNOFFICIAL RANDOM REFLECTIONS.'

## BY A CANTANKEROUS CRITIC.

In what he terms 'Unofficial Random Reflections,' a cantankerous critic writes on a number of topics. Apparently having mislaid his sense of humour, he takes exception to the publication of part of the diary of 'G. W. F.' which alludes to the humorous side of the Somerset trip. He does not like references to such things as 'Bert's pipe, camping on the lawn, sewing up sleeping garments, and such doings, which are quite outside ringing.' Well, never mind, it takes all sorts to make a world. Then he goes on:—

Nothing seems to be doing in the Bankes James line lately. We were told that it was the desire of practical ringers from many quarters to ring this for peals, but where are the peals? Weeks and months go by, but still no records, not even by those Council members who spoke so much in its favour. What are they afraid of? Have they since discovered that a TRUE peal on ALL numbers shall in ALL cases start FROM and end with rounds. I wonder who named it Bankes James? Starting with rounds was known and rung in the days of Queen Victoria, and we used to try out all these freak arrangements, new and old, when we had an hour to spare, with the handbells, but for peals no, we always complied with the rules.

[By way of answer, the Bankes James Arrangement was rung at Market Deeping on September 1st. We do not think we are wrong in saying that our correspondent, whatever else he rang, never rang the Bankes James Arrangement or any part of it or anything like it on handbells.—Ed., 'R.W.']

Lately we have seen handbell peals published without the name of the umpire. Is this a sign of the times again? It is essential that a qualified person be given this important duty.

Much has been said and written on the question of beginners, but, like the six-bell question, it is a long way from a settlement. The fault is not with the beginner, it is with the instructor. The percentage of really qualified instructors is very small, and what is wanted is a series of lectures and practical exhibitions on 'How to instruct correctly.'

There is no doubt that many who try to instruct need lessons themselves in various parts of the instructing art, while some of them will never make instructors. Ringing peals in various methods does not qualify anyone for the task, neither does conductorship count. Too much 'push' is made use of, which is fatal; for learners should be treated, not as part of a system, but in many ways known only to the really gifted tutor.

The Australian tour is certainly being 'boomed' as much as possible, but there is one big difficulty regarding its outcome. Like all tours, they are interesting while they last, especially to those taking part in them; but Australia is so far away, and the ringers there so few, that close touch will never be possible. Anyhow, I wish those taking part in it a real enjoyable holiday.

**REV. C. W. O. JENKYN MEMORIAL FUND.  
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.**

Receipts.		£	s.	d.
Subscriptions received	...	130	2	3
Special donation	...	2	5	9
Deficit	...	3	11	2
		£135	19	2
Payments.		£	s.	d.
Queen Anne's School Chapel	...	100	0	0
Memorial in Christ Church, Oxford	...	31	0	0
Secretary's expenses	...	1	7	6
Treasurer's expenses	...	2	10	8
Philip Palmer (printing)	...	1	1	0
		£135	19	2

I have examined all the books and vouchers relating to the above statement, and declare them to be quite correct.

E. C. COOKE, Hon. Auditor.

Sept. 3rd, 1934.

A. J. WRIGHT, Hon. Treasurer.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
NEWBURY BRANCH.**

A meeting of the Newbury branch was held at Thatcham on Saturday, September 1st, when the following towers were represented: Bucklebury, Newbury, Peasemore, Thatcham and Overton. Visitors were present from Reading, Swindon and Wokingham. The Deputy Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg) also attended.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. O. Daniel), who gave a very interesting address. Miss E. Mathews, of Bucklebury, presided at the organ. Tea was served in the Parish Hall by Mrs. A. Smith, and 22 sat down to an excellent meal.

The Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford (chairman of the branch) presided over the business meeting.

The annual meeting was fixed for Newbury on Saturday, November 17th.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. A. O. Daniel for his address and welcome to the ringers, to Miss Mathews for playing at the service, and to Mrs. Smith for providing the tea.

The tower was again visited, and the following methods rung: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Major.

**FAIRFORD RINGERS' LONG DAY OUT.**

The Fairford ringers held their annual outing on Saturday, August 25th. A start was made at 7 a.m., via Gloucester to Lydney, and on this route they were just in time to see the Severn bore. Lydney was reached at 9 a.m., and ringing on the peal of eight in the Parish Church was very much enjoyed. The party were met by two old ringers, viz., Messrs. J. W. Davis and O. Thomas.

Chepstow was the next stop. Here there is a much heavier peal of eight of lovely tone. These bells go the 'wrong' way round, but the party soon got used to that, and were able to ring for a wedding. Arriving at Monmouth at 12.30, the ringers enjoyed a hot lunch at Partridge's cafe before going to the church. Here there is another heavy peal of eight, which were going well. Goodrich was the next place on the programme, and the party were met by the Vicar (the Rev. H. L. Bickley), who gave them a hearty welcome. They rang on the light peal of six before going on to Bridgwater, where a light peal of eight just suited them. They were met there by Mr. Poston, sen., and Mr. Poston, jun. These bells were obtained in place of those at Ross, which were unringable. After tea at Hoskins' cafe, Ross, the party returned to Gloucester, where ringing was very much enjoyed on the six bells at St. Mary-de-Lode Church, where the visitors were met by Mr. J. Stephens and Mr. J. Gillett. The former congratulating the ringers on their good striking. After this 'do as you please' was the order, some going to 'pictures,' others to a bread and cheese supper at the Lamb, where they met several old Gloucester and district ringers, and the handbells were well in use during the evening, with tunes and change ringing. Mr. E. Davis, from Gloucester, kindly piloted the party round, and his help was very much appreciated.

A start was made for home at 10.20, and the party arrived at Fairford at 11.30, having had a very enjoyable outing through lovely scenery. The ringers wish to thank Mr. John Austin for his kindness, also the ringers who met them at the various towers, which helped to make the outing such a success. The methods rung on the trip were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Kent Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Plain Bob Major.

**A HALF-PEAL.**

At Bishopstoke, Hants, on August 27th, at St. Mary's Church, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples (2,520 changes): R. Clark 1, G. Hutchinson 2, S. Winkworth 3, G. Pullinger 4, G. Grant 5, E. Wheeler 6, J. Hill (conductor) 7, C. Ayliffe 8.

Rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of C. Ayliffe. It was intended to attempt a peal, but owing to the late start time did not permit. Longest length by a local band.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

An important notice to correspondents appears in another column. Please read, and act upon it.

There is a small deficit on the Oxford Diocesan Guild Memorial to the late Master, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, as it has been decided to make the donation to the Queen Anne's Chapel Enlargement Fund up to £100. We understand the deficit has been guaranteed.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn was chaplain of Queen Anne's School, Caversham, and the enlargement of the chapel was a project which he had hoped to see carried out. It is now to be undertaken, at the initiative of the Governors, as a memorial to their deeply beloved chaplain.

We are pleased to record that Mr. George Williams, Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, is making a good although slow recovery from his illness, but has not yet been able to leave the house.

Mr. Percy Amos, who has been in Northampton General Hospital suffering from a broken leg and other injuries, the result of an accident, is making satisfactory progress, and hopes shortly to be transferred to a convalescent home.

To-morrow, Mr. Fred. Walker, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Walker, of 81, Baker Street, Sparkhill, Birmingham, is to be married at St. Martin's Church to Miss Marion Griffiths. Mr. Albert Walker is well known to the Exercise, and needs no further introduction. The bridegroom-elect has also done a little ringing.

The peal of Stedman Caters at Solihull, recorded in our issue of August 31st, was rung on August 20th, not the 13th as reported.

On Sunday next, at 7.55 p.m., the bells of St. Margaret's, Barking, will be broadcast on the National wavelength.

If 'Ajax' will forward his name and address, his letter will be inserted. Letters cannot appear in our columns unless they are accompanied by the sender's name and address, which need not necessarily be for publication.

A new treble bell, added to the existing five, through the generosity of Mr. J. Dixon, was dedicated at Milton Regis, Kent, on Sunday during evening service. To-morrow the bells will be open to ringers, and the proceedings will begin with a special service at 4 p.m.

## LADIES' GUILD PRESIDENT.

**MISS E. STEEL SCORES HER 200th PEAL.**

The congratulations of the Exercise will be extended to the president of the Ladies' Guild, Miss Evelyn Steel, upon ringing her 200th peal on Saturday, with a fine peal of Double Norwich at Dunstable, rung without a trip throughout.

Although a complete list of Miss Steel's peals are not at the moment available, it is safe to say they include more 7-method Minor peals than have been rung by any other member of the Ladies' Guild. They are considerably over 100, including over 30 peals of Surprise Minor.

## RETIREMENT OF MR. W. PICKWORTH.

**VICE-PRESIDENT OF MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION LEAVES SOUTHGATE.**

On Sunday, September 2nd, for evening service, at Christ Church, Southgate, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,296 changes): A. R. Glasscock 1, D. Pink 2, G. Plater 3, J. Armstrong (conductor) 4, N. A. Tomlinson 5, H. Miller 6, J. E. Miller 7, W. Pickworth 8.

Rung as a farewell to Mr. W. Pickworth, who, on retirement, is removing to Hastings, after being a ringer at Christ Church, Southgate, for 38 years. It was also a compliment to Mr. J. E. Miller on the 42nd anniversary of his being elected a full member of the Southgate Society.

Before his departure from Southgate, Mr. Pickworth entertained the local ringers to an excellent supper on August 30th at the Cherry Tree. The Captain of the ringers, Mr. Miller, on behalf of the Society, presented to Mr. Pickworth a copy of 'The History and Art of Change Ringing,' by Ernest Morris, as a token of their regard and in recognition of his long membership of the Society, for 12 years of which he has acted as secretary and treasurer. Whilst expressing the regret of the Society at losing such an excellent member, they wished him and Mrs. Pickworth a happy and long retirement in their flat at the seaside, and hoped that whenever they were 'in town' he would not fail to renew his acquaintance with the bells of Southgate.

Mr. Pickworth, in returning thanks for the kind observations made in respect to his stay at Southgate, said he hoped to take part in further ringing on the melodious bells of Southgate when in future visiting the town and county. He also asserted that he should never forget the happy ringing time he had spent at Southgate.

During the evening tunes on the handbells were rendered by Messrs. Armstrong and Plater.

For many years Mr. Pickworth has been vice-president of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild in the North and East District.



## THE AUSTRALIAN TOUR.

### TO-DAY'S DEPARTURE.

#### The Great Adventure Starts.

To-day the great adventure begins. The P. and O. ss. 'Barrabool' leaves King George V. dock, London, this afternoon, and with her go the ringers who are taking part in the tour of Australia.

The names of the company who are thus making ringing history were given in our last issue. They assemble at Liverpool Street Station at 1.15 p.m., and the special train leaves at 1.50. It is expected that a number of ringers will be present to see them off, and handbells will be rung to speed them on the way.

The past week has been a busy one for the tourists, packing and dispatching baggage. They have not overlooked the difficulties they may find in some of the Australian towers, and are going prepared. They are taking



MRS. R. RICHARDSON,

The only lady ringer in the Australian Tourists' band. She has just rung her one hundredth peal.

with them ten ready-stretched bell ropes, kindly lent by the ringers of St. Martin's Church, Birmingham, which will be long enough for any draught which they expect to find. A big tin of lard and castor oil and a 2ft. adjustable spanner (weighing about 12lb.—it will probably weigh much more than that if it has to be carried far) are being taken, and one member at least has had the forethought to equip himself with a set of overalls.

In addition to this the party are taking out with them many gifts to Australian ringers. Illuminated on parchment is the message of greeting from the Central Council, representing the ringers of England, to the ringers of all Australasia, and this will be presented at Melbourne Cathedral.

Then there are the very fine albums, containing photographs of the cathedrals and notable churches of the British Isles (collections organised by 'The Ringing World' and given by all the leading associations, guilds and societies). One of these collections will find a home at Melbourne and the other at Hobart. Other individual gifts are being taken to various churches, and collections of the Central Council publications will be presented to every tower visited.

### IN TASMANIA.

The details of the programme for the week which will be spent in Tasmania from November 1st to 8th, reached England on Monday. Throughout their stay in Hobart the visitors will be the guests of members of the congregation of Holy Trinity Church. They are to be received by the Governor-General (Sir Ernest Clarke) at Government House, who will entertain them to tea, and by the Bishop of Tasmania, at Bishops Court. His Lordship will also entertain the party. One day will be spent in visiting the National Park as guests of the Tasmanian Government, and another in visiting Mount Wellington, the island's tallest mountain. There will be gatherings and ringing with the local ringers, of whose society Mr. A. R. Wilson is the hon. secretary, and the visitors have been informed that the bells of Holy Trinity Church will be at their disposal whenever and for as long as they please.

### NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS

During the absence of the Editor on the Australian tour, correspondents are particularly requested to

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What more could one ask?

The stay in Melbourne will be divided. The party arrive there on October 22nd, and ringing, entertainment and sightseeing will fill the programme until October 31st, when they leave for Hobart. On returning to the mainland they go to Geelong, Ballarat and Bendigo, and return to Melbourne in time for the commemoration on Sunday, November 11th. They stay in Melbourne until the 16th, when they leave by sea for Sydney, where approximately five days will be spent before embarking on ss. 'Bendigo' for home.

Perth and Adelaide will be visited both on the outward and homeward journeys, and the travellers will also be able to visit, when passing in each direction, Malta and Ceylon, and, on the return they hope to go to Cairo and the Pyramids.

They are due in London on January 5th, but Mr. and Mrs. Sharples will be left at Colombo to continue their journey to India, where they are to visit their son.

# STEDMAN'S BELLS.

ST. BENEDICT'S, CAMBRIDGE.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—There are a number of your readers who are interested in the correspondence referring to Stedman's bells, but nobody has yet given us a clear account of what actually is the trouble. Can someone enlighten us as to what has happened that after a restoration in 1931 it has been necessary to warn learners that there is a danger of breaking something more than a stay? After all, if one is to have ringers one must have learners. What is really wrong if, after a general tightening up by an experienced ringer, something wants further attention after a 720 has been rung? Remember that three years have not elapsed since the restoration. Why class all oak frames alike as requiring someone continually in attendance with a spanner? (Shrinkage, humbug!)

Neglect causes trouble whatever the method of hanging, and I have seen splendid jobs of modern iron and steel frames, not yet 30 years old, rapidly on their way to the scrap heap through neglect.

There is, in my opinion, no reason to expect trouble because the bells are hung on the old principle, to wooden headstocks by the canons. There must be many rings of bells so hung. I learnt to ring, with many more, on a ring (tenor one ton) so hung, and not a bell became loose, and nothing happened beyond a broken stay. This was in 1906. The bells were still tight in 1929, and never to my knowledge required tightening.

Now, will someone tell us what is it that gets loose?—the frame bolts or the headstock bolts? Is there no methods of locking the nuts so that they will not work loose after being tightened? Are learners warned off because the bells are apt to get loose on the stocks?

W. A. OSBORN.

Galhampton, Somerset.



STEDMAN'S BELLS HANG IN THIS SAXON TOWER.

## DEATH OF VETERAN CHORLEY RINGER.

### A FOUNDER OF THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Many ringers in Lancashire, especially in the Preston branch and district, will learn with regret of the death of Mr. John Marsden, of Chorley, which took place at his son's home, 145, Bolton Road, Chorley, on Friday, August 31st. Mr. Marsden was in his 82nd year. He had been connected with bellringing for 64 years, and was one of those who met in the National Schools, Chorley, on June 10th, 1876, in response to a circular sent out by Messrs. J. R. Pritchard, W. G. Mann and J. Aspinwall, to consider the forming of an Association of Change Ringers for Lancashire.

The result of that meeting is the present Lancashire Association. Of those present at that meeting we believe Mr. W. G. Mann is the only survivor. Mr. Marsden was also treasurer of the now defunct Lancashire Six-Bell Association up to the time it was disbanded.

The deceased had rung five peals of 5,000 changes, the first of which he rang when over 60 years of age. He had also been connected with other departments of Church work, particularly the Sunday School, and was the proud possessor of the bronze medal given to teachers for 25 years' honourable service. This was presented to him as far back as 1898.

The deceased had been associated with Chorley Parish Church all his life, having been baptised, confirmed and married there, whilst the first part of his funeral service was held there on Wednesday, September 5th. Four of his fellow ringers, including one of the churchwardens, Mr. F. Lofthouse, assisted as bearers, and another ringer, Mr. A. T. Parker, presided at the organ.

Among the many floral tributes was one in the form of a bell from the Chorley Parish Church ringers.

With the passing of John Marsden ringing has lost one of its warmest adherents and the church one of its most ardent sons.

The Parish Church bells were rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to the deceased for both services on the Sunday prior to the funeral, and also before and after the funeral service.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The recent meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild at Marlow was a great success. The bells have been overhauled by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and over fifty ringers put in an appearance. Methods were rung to suit everyone, and after an enjoyable tea at the Two Brewers, the handbells appeared and were made full use of. Some of the visitors from long distances had to leave early, but the majority stayed until a late hour. That well-known Marlow veteran, Mr. J. C. Truss, was his usual cheery self, and was extremely glad to get his bells in order once more.

The next practices are at Stoke Poges, Horton, Hillingdon and Haddenham.

## NORTH STAFFS RINGERS' OUTING.

The ringers of St. Bartholomew's Church, Norton-in-the-Moors, held their second annual outing on Saturday, September 1st, when they visited the churches of Hodnet and Calverhall in the Shropshire district. Included in the party were representatives of the Kingsley and Brown Edge towers, the company, numbering 34, leaving Norton at 2 p.m. On the arrival at Hodnet, the bells were soon 'going,' and touches of Biddulph, London and York Surprise were rung by the various bands, while the non-ringers enjoyed a game of bowls on the Bear Hotel green. At 5 p.m. the journey was continued to Calverhall, where an excellent tea was waiting at the Old Jack Inn. Afterwards the ringers made their way to the tower, and were joined by Market Drayton friends and also by Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst, of Hodnet. Relays of ringers kept the bells going, and some splendid striking was heard. Before leaving Calverhall, votes of thanks were proposed to the Vicars of Hodnet and Calverhall (the Rev. T. H. Parsons and the Rev. C. E. Wilson), and also to Messrs. Berry and Franco for getting the bells in readiness. Further thanks were offered to the promoters of the outing for such excellent arrangements. Leaving Calverhall at 8.15, Norton was reached at 9.50, and every one voted the outing a great success.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS ITS ORIGIN.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

In the early days of the eighteenth century there existed a company of ringers who called themselves the London Scholars. They were a distinguished society, almost the most important in the land, the rivals and equals of the College Youths, both socially and as practical ringers. Their peal book has long since disappeared, and so, with one exception, have all their peal boards; but, from the scanty contemporary notices of them which we still have, it is clear that they rang several very meritorious and outstanding peals. The last we hear of them is in 1730. Then they drop out of history and, to all appearances, came to an end. And that was the usual fate of all the old societies. They were very small bodies, consisting of one band held together by the closest personal ties of mutual interest, and it required only a very small thing—a quarrel, the death of a leading member, lack of interest—to break the whole thing in pieces.

But a hundred years later it was generally believed and stated that the London Scholars had not lapsed. They were said to have merely changed their name, and as the Society of Cumberland Youths to be flourishing and active. And how it all happened was as follows:—

In 1745 there occurred the Jacobite Rebellion. Charles Edward Stuart landed in Scotland, raised an army, fought some victorious battles, and was finally defeated at Culloden Moor by an English army commanded by William Ernest, Duke of Cumberland, the second son of George II., the reigning king. After his victory the Duke returned to London, where he was received with acclamations. As he approached the town by the old North Road the first houses he came to were at the hamlet of Shoreditch, where, just before, a handsome new church had been built (1736), and a fine new ring of bells installed by Thomas Lester, of Whitechapel (1739). Here he was greeted by the London Scholars with a merry peal, and the ringing so pleased the Duke that he sent and thanked the ringers. They, on their part, were so touched by his mark of royal condescension that they took the Duke as their patron and altered their name to that of the Society of Cumberland Youths, and so have continued ever since, except that, at a later period, they added the word 'royal' and got their present title.

That is the account which is now generally accepted as sober history. But when we come to examine it at all critically, we are compelled to the conclusion that, though there is a germ of truth, as the account stands it cannot be true. Like so many of the traditions of the Exercise it started with a fact, but the fact has been so overlaid with guesses and glosses that it has become a mere unsubstantial legend.

That the society got its name from the Duke of Cumberland is quite certain. In itself there is nothing impossible or even improbable in the tale of his personally thanking the ringers. But unfortunately not only is there no contemporary corroboration, but such evidence as there is contradicts it. The Duke returned to London in August, 1746, but the society was not founded until September 6th, 1747. If the ringers had been so impressed with the royal favour that they were impelled to alter their old and historical name they would not have delayed doing so for more than twelve months.

Again, the original books of the Cumberland Society are extant, and they have been very carefully kept from the earliest days till now. They simply say that the society 'began September ye 6th, 1747.' There is no hint that it had already had a long and distinguished career of, at, least, more than half a century, nor would the change of name have necessitated an utter destruction of all the records of the old society, peal books, name books, and the other property, which the ringing societies of the time usually possessed.

And when we search for any contemporary links between the two societies we find that they are entirely missing. No two companies at the time could have been much more unlike than the London Scholars and the Cumberlands. The London Scholars were a London society, who held their meetings and practised at towers in the City and West End. The Cumberlands were at first and for many years a local and suburban company. Their headquarters were at the Gun, in Shoreditch; they practised at St. Leonard's, and though, like all the rest, they went about peal ringing, they went to places out east like West Ham, and Hackney and Spitalfields. They, too, were a different and lower class of people to what the London Scholars had been—tradesmen and artisans who lived in the Shoreditch district. At no time were they socially quite the equals of the College Youths, at least not until the nineteenth century, when the older society fell on evil days.

To my mind there is not much doubt that the Society of London Scholars became extinct soon after 1740. At any rate, more than one member joined the College Youths about that time. The Cumberland Society was a new company, formed from local men to practise on the new bells of St. Leonard's. For the most part they were young men. The leader was George Partrick, who for many years was the chief conductor to the society. Quite likely he may have been a son of John Partrick, a member of the College Youths, and a noted composer in the last days of the seventeenth century. The difference in the spelling of the names is easily accounted for if Partrick spelt his phonetically.

Of the original members of the society only two names can be traced back to earlier times—Jeremiah Gilbert and John Harrington—both of whom had been friends of William Laughton and the Rambling Ringers. Gilbert for a time was a member of the Eastern Scholars.

Why the society called themselves after the Duke of Cumberland is easily explained. The Duke was, at the time, by far the most popular man in England, and there was quite a rage to call things by his name. The Cumberland Gates, Cumberland Terraces, Cumberland Lodges, and suchlike in the West End and Windsor and elsewhere are examples. And the scores of Duke's Heads that you find all over the country are reminiscences of the Duke's popularity. The Shoreditch ringers wanted a name for their new society; they were only following the general custom of the time when they called it the Society of Cumberland Youths.

But if there is no truth in the popular legend, why, we may ask, was it ever started or believed? That we cannot say. We know that such things do happen, and there is another legend connected with this rebellion of 1745 which I may mention. I quote from a letter written in 1861 by John Hopkins, a Birmingham ringer, a very worthy man and an early collector of historical informa-

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## JOHN BUNYAN.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I have read with interest what Mr. Trollope has said in your issue of August 31st, but in this matter I have not been much concerned with Puritan or any other opinions, but with the question: What was the state of Bunyan's own mind when he abandoned ringing? To answer this, it is necessary to turn to his own account of himself in his 'Grace Abounding.' Anyone who does this will form his own opinion, and I have stated mine. I think that for a time Bunyan suffered such mental distress that his reasoning faculty became obscured. Anyhow, in the end, his separation from Elstow steeple was caused by a fear of getting killed, which was irrational.

I quoted from Dr. Brown because I consider his words contain a correct summary of what we learn from Bunyan's statements. Mr. Trollope's reference to Dr. Brown seems to me to be—in form, doubtless not in intention—rather slighting. I therefore wish to say that Dr. Brown was a writer who is entitled to be mentioned with respect. There could hardly have been anything available about Bunyan or Puritanism which he did not know. He was minister at the Baptist Church at Bedford, and when publishing his 'Life of Bunyan' he stated in the preface that he had then been studying Bunyan for twenty years, and he must have thoroughly digested the 'Grace Abounding.' Of his scholarship, it is sufficient to say that he edited several of Bunyan's books for the Cambridge University Press and was chosen to contribute the chapter on Bunyan to that University's 'History of English Literature.'

I am not affected by the quotations Mr. Trollope gives. They only illustrate the Puritan narrowness, which is a matter of common knowledge. They do not touch my point. Any of your readers who choose to do so can refer to the 'Grace Abounding.' I do not dispute about it, but from what Bunyan has there left on record I feel no doubt that at the time of his ringing crisis his Puritan reading had so obsessed his mind with death and hell and damnation that he could not think clearly, and did not really know why he should not ring. But this trouble passed later on. I have no sympathy with Puritan theology, but I have great admiration for Bunyan as a man.

R. A. DANIELL.

## ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS (Continued)

tion relating to bells and ringing. 'At the time of the Scotch Rebellion the bells of Carlisle Cathedral were Rung. It so offended the Bishop, he ordered the bells not to be Rung for one hundred years. At the Expiration of that time on the very day they rang Merrily' (B.M., add. MSS. 33206).

On the face of it the thing is absurd. Bishops of the Church of England have no power by their own dictum to punish bells for ringing contrary to the episcopal wishes. And if they had the power, such things are not done. Yet the legend was widely believed locally. Whatever the reason, the bells were actually silent for many years, and when 1845 drew near a band of ringers was got together to go and practise at Cockermouth, so as to be ready to ring them when the ban lifted. When the day did come they found (what they might have expected) that after so long a silence the bells had no wheels and were unringable. One wonders why they did not notice

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## THE MYSTERY OF A CHANGE COURSE.

AN INQUEST REOPENED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will you please grant me space to reply to the sarcasm contained in the extracts from the diary of G. W. F. on the Somerset Trip, following the sub-heading, 'Tuesday, August 7th.' I am certain that the wife of G. W. F. does not need any instruction in Stedman, but to infer that she, or, indeed, anyone, is incapable of making a mistake in the method is simply ridiculous. As to the listeners being mystified, I am not surprised. I happened to be the conductor, and I am still mystified, not about what happened, but how it happened. I know what happened, and wrote to three people concerned telling them what happened within about 24 hours of it happening, and not one of them has had the courtesy to reply or acknowledge the receipt. For the benefit of those listeners perhaps you will allow me to set out the calling in full.

The peal starts with a single at 2; then call five courses 5-6-7-8 with a single at 14 which brings the bells back into the plain course.

Then:—  
231456 S H L Q My diary of the peal so far as it went reads like this:—

(1) In the sixth six following this course-end the 6th tried to come in slow instead of quick.—Corrected at once. (J. H. B. smiling.—Why?) The row 1342567 came up at the fourth change of a slow six three sixes later, and 653214 came at the course-end.

(2) Nothing occurred in the course following this until the bob at 12 was called and the 7th went in quick, the 6th tried to lead a whole-pull wrong and was promptly told to make thirds and come back and do last whole-turn. The bob at 13 was called, and when the 7th got to 4-5 up he found the 4th dodging 6-7 down instead of up. Sent the other bell down first, in order to keep the

(Four times repeated).  
4th in sixth's place. Explained at once the 4th was a sixth's place bell last course-end and was kept there with 3-4-12-13.

(3) In the ninth six of the following course 1432567 came up, and this was the first intimation I had that two bells were over, and as I knew that the 4th was not one of them (and the ringing being good), I decided to go on to the part end. Several minor trips occurred—nothing to speak of—and were corrected almost before they were made. At the bobs at 3-4 in the last course 4-6 were behind, and 2175346 came up (as it should do, with 2-5 over). Without another call, and without, I believe, another word spoken, the part-end 453216 came up, and I called 'Stand.'

How 2-5 got over happened in this wise: The bob at 12 (which the 2nd should have made) was not made. The 2nd went on up into 6-7 and drove the 5th (who should have dodged 6-7 down with the 4th) down into 4-5. I, not being aware that the first of the two bobs had not been made (I have already explained that I was busy with the 6th at the time), forced the 4th to wait for me in 6-7. That part is simple. Now comes the baffling part. As I have explained, all went well until the last call had been made, but between the 5th six and the part-end another shift occurred (not in the slow), and instead of 423156 (as it should have been with 2-5 over), 453216 came up; the bells out of place being 1-2-5. Now 1-2-5 occupied the places of 5-6-7 in the sixth six. What happened I can only surmise. I can only say I was surprised to find the treble out of place, as she is one of the observation bells in the first part and was in her right place when she left the slow in the last course. I was so surprised to see the treble out of place that I could only point to 1-2 as the bells that were over. I expected to find the 2nd wrong, but not the treble. No sooner had I pointed at these bells than I was 'set upon' (there is no other word), literally set upon by the three 'experts.' I had dared to tell the 6th to do work that he ought not to have done (which was entirely false). I had to tell him that he knew nothing about it. The other two said so much, and said it in such a bad temper, that I have forgotten most of what they did say. But I do know they did not accuse me of calling a singleton bob. I do not think I replied to the two.

At the subsequent inquest (at which I was not present) I understood that a verdict was returned that 1-6 changed course. Absolute rot. Mrs. Murgatroyd!

Bristol.

W. A. CAVE.

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that before. John Hopkins, by saying the bells rang merrily on the very day, was rounding off the legend and adding just his little bit. And he was writing only a few years after the event.

The most curious fact connected with these bells (it is an actual fact and not legend), is that when the Duke of Cumberland and his victorious army entered the city he sent a certain Major Balfour to the Dean to demand the bells as a perquisite of the train of artillery and was with difficulty dissuaded from treating them as loot.



## NOTICES.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 20th, \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 18th, Southwark Cathedral on the 27th at 7.30. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—At Milton Regis, on Saturday, Sept. 15th, a special ringers' service will take place at 4 p.m., followed by tea at 5 p.m., for which a charge of 9d. per head will be made. The tower will afterwards be open to ringers during the evening.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Hedon, near Hull, on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (8) will be available from 2 to 9 p.m. Short service in church at 4.30, with address by Col. R. Hall. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head, at 5 p.m.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting of the above branch will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at East Grinstead on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., by kind invitation. Half rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d.—R. Swift, Hon. Div. Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Handsworth, Sheffield, on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. at 9d. each.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Staines (near G.W.R. Station), on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (8) from 3.30. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30 in the Church Room, Bridge Street. Book also Oct. 6th for Hillingdon (joint meeting and social with Oxford Diocesan Guild).—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Woburn on Saturday, Sept. 15th. The bells (8) will be available from 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Petworth on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Tower open from 3 p.m. Tea at Mr. Knight's Restaurant, Lombard Street, at 5 o'clock.—A. W. Groves, Hon. Sec., Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Great Easton on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The September meeting will be held at Kirby Wiske on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells 6 (tenor 10 cwt.) available for ringing during the afternoon.—E. Brown, 11, Ingram Road, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Hampton-in-Arden (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Tea provided.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A district ringing meeting will be held at Stradbroke on Saturday, September 15th. Ringing about 3 p.m.—G. Filby, Dis. Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Rutland Branch.—The next meeting will take place at Exton tomorrow, September 15th. Bells (6) available 2.30. All ringers invited.—S. H. Towell, Hon. Sec., 17, King's Road, Oakham.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Brigg on Saturday, September 15th. Service 4.15. Tea (1s. 5d.) 5 p.m. Bells (6) available from 2 to 9. All welcome.—F. S. W. Butler, 43, Etherington Street, Gainsborough.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Central Branch.—The re-opening and thanksgiving service will take place at Littleport, nr. Ely, on Wednesday, September 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea at Vicarage. The bells, rehung by Taylor & Co., are a splendid ring of eight. A peal is being arranged, if possible, for Wednesday, September 26th. Those wishing to stand in please let me have names by Monday, 24th. A full diocesan band is hoped for, but others will have every consideration. If possible Cambridge Surprise Major will be rung.—F. Warrington, Central Branch Sec., Mill Road, Over, Cambs.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 22nd, at Newport. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting will be held at Tettenhall on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells available from 3. Short service at 4.45, with address by the Vicar, the Rev. Wilfred Goode. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Reports ready for distribution. Please send word by Tuesday, 18th inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Epsom, on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Usual arrangements for ringing, etc., with tea in the Church Hall. Please let me have numbers for tea and notification of any business for the agenda by Sept. 19th.—A. H. Smith, Dis. Sec., Tudor House, Howard Road, Great Bookham.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Oakley on Saturday, September 22nd. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by September 18th to Mr. F. B. Titcombe, Church Oakley, Basingstoke.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Yateley.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A general meeting will be held at Tickhill on Saturday, Sept. 22nd, when the eight bells will be available from 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. A meeting of the general committee will be held in the Parish Room at 4 p.m. Tea (1s.) at Wombwell's Café at 5 p.m., and it is essential that all requiring tea should notify Mr. A. Hill, 51, Sunderland Street, Tickhill, near Rotherham, by Wednesday, Sept. 19th. The general meeting will be held in the Parish Room immediately after tea. Buses leave Waterdale, Doncaster, every twenty minutes for Nottingham, Worksop, Mansfield and Chesterfield, and the return fare to Tickhill is 1s. A corporation bus, No. 17, also leaves All Saints' Square, Rotherham, at 1.30 p.m., and return buses to Rotherham leave Tickhill at 6.15 and 9.15 p.m. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Throwley, near Faversham, on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service. As the Vicar has kindly arranged to entertain the ringers to tea, it is particularly requested that all those intending to be present notify Mr. W. J. Page, Post Office, Throwley, near Faversham, on or before Thursday, Sept. 20th.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tortworth on September 22nd. Bells (6) open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea by invitation. For tea please notify me by the 18th. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Fussell, Fortfields, Dursley.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—The quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Wigston Magna on Saturday, September 22nd. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. For same, notify Mr. Joseph S. Carter, 75, Newton Lane, Wigston Magna, by Tuesday previous. A good meeting is requested.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Horton (six bells) on Saturday, September 22nd, at 3 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head for those who notify me not later than September 17th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH, BURRY PORT, CARMARTHENSHIRE.**—The restored ring of five bells will be reopened on Saturday, September 22nd. Bells available for ringing from 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Rev. M. Rice Lewis, Belmont, Church Road, Burry Port, not later than Wednesday, September 19th.

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—North Dorset Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shroton on Saturday, September 22nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Iwerne Minster and Childe Okeford bells also available. All ringers welcome.—J. Ralph, Kington Magna, Gillingham, Dorset.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Berks Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sunningwell on Saturday, September 22nd.—Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Please notify.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

**ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Benenden on Saturday, September 22nd. Bells ready 2.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton and Wigan Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Westhoughton Parish Church on Saturday, September 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Peter Crook and William O. Farrimond, Hon. Secs.

**NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.**—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Llandudno on Saturday, September 22nd. Service at 3 p.m., followed by business meeting and tea. Bells available 2 to 6.45 p.m. Will all those intending to be present kindly let me know as soon as possible? All ringers welcome.—W. Cathrall, Hon. Sec., 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham.

**NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, September 22nd. Will all who intend to be present notify Mr. R. G. Lewis, 36, Heath Cross, Uttoxeter, not later than September 19th?—A. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—Next meeting on Saturday, September 22nd, at Disley. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. For tea, please notify Mr. A. T. Marsland, Buxton Road, Disley, not later than the 18th.—Arthur Whiting, Hon. Sec.

**HOLMFIRTH, YORKS.**—On Wednesday, September 26th, at 7.30 p.m., the Lord Bishop of Wakefield will dedicate the new ring of eight bells by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting at Rochdale, Saturday, September 29th. The following towers will be open for ringing: Rochdale Parish Church (8 bells), Balderstone (8), Milnrow (8), and Hamer (6). Service in Parish Church 4 p.m.; preacher, Rev. S. Hutchinson, M.C., M.A., Vicar. Tea in schools in Coventry Street 5 p.m. at about 1s. 6d. Names please to Mr. J. W. Ormerod, 5, Chapel Street, Platting Lane, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 26th. Business meeting in school 6 p.m. P.S.—Bring some money for your dinner tickets for Manchester on October 27th.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Kingswood on Saturday, September 29th. Bells from 3 to 8.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Please notify for tea by the 25th.—G. F. Hoad, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Hallows', Bispham, on Saturday, September 29th. Bells available 3 p.m.—J. H. Foster, Branch. Sec.

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**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Banstead on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea, with meeting following, 5 p.m., at the Victoria. All ringers heartily welcome. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. F. G. Woodiss, 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey, not later than Thursday, Sept. 27th.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—East Devon Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Broadhembury on Saturday, September 29th. Bells (6) available 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 1s. each, and meeting Drewe Arms, 5. All ringers cordially invited.—John H. Godfrey, Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary.

**ESSEX, HERTFORD, MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND THE LADIES' GUILD.**—A joint meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, September 29th. Bells (12) from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea in Victoria Hall 6 p.m. In order that adequate arrangements can be made for tea, will all those intending to be present advise E. J. Butler, 313, Mawneys Road, Romford, without fail?—E. J. Butler (Essex Association), W. H. Lawrence (Hertford Association), C. T. Coles (Middlesex Association), Edith K. Fletcher (Ladies' Guild).

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—The annual dinner will be held in the Small Hall of the Public Hall, Worcester, on Saturday, September 29th, at 6 p.m. The Master, Mr. W. Short, will be in the chair. The bells at All Saints' (10), St. John's (8) and St. Nicholas' (6) will be available at 4 p.m. Tickets, 2s. 6d. each, may be obtained from members of the committee, the branch secretaries and the undersigned, and should be applied for before September 24th.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Further particulars will be duly announced.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**SNOWDON DINNER.**—Preliminary Notice.—The annual Jasper Snowdon dinner will be held at the Victory Hotel, Leeds, on Saturday, Oct. 13th. It is hoped to arrange a peal of Stedman Caters at Bradford Cathedral to commence at 11 a.m. on that date, and any who would like to take part in the peal are asked to communicate with me as early as possible. Tickets for the dinner are 4s. each, and may be had on application to me.—W. O. Talbot, 34, Headingley Mount, Leeds 6.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual dinner will be held at Victoria Hall, Manchester, on Oct. 27th. Arrangements are being made for ringing from 2 p.m., conducted tours and a good social programme. The dinner will be held at the Victoria Hotel. Please book the date and watch 'The Ringing World' for further announcements.

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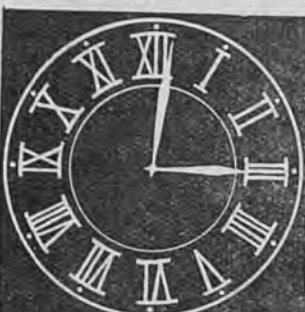
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