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MAINTENANCE OF REGULAR RINGING

There was a strong point made by the Master of the College Youths in his recent speech at Sheffield, when he referred to the importance of maintaining regular service and practice ringing. His statement, that where this is done there is less objection among the public to the use of bells, is beyond challenge. It is in places where the ringing is only spasmodic that complaints are strongest, and it is round these towers, where the bells are only occasionally rung, that the chief opposition to the bells arises when peals are attempted. Where bells are regularly rung for service those members of the public who are so ready to voice dislike to them have little ground of complaint when the ringers practise, and peal ringing within reasonable limits finds a minimum of opposition.

This is one reason why ringers should make every effort to ring the bells for the two main services every Sunday, or, if that is out of the question, for at least one service every Sunday. There is, of course, another and a higher reason, namely, that the bells themselves are not only a call to worship, but are, as we have been so well reminded lately, by their voices directing attention to higher things—the one loud noise sounding out to God's honour and glory. That is the side of bellringing which every ringer should appreciate, and, perhaps, if it were more fully realised there would not be so many towers from which the bells are only chimed on Sundays for one or both the services. But the point we want to emphasise is that made by Mr. Duffield, that the ringers, even in their personal interests and the interests of the art of ringing itself, should not let the ringing for service and practice go by default.

When the public expect the bells to be rung and when the bells are heard regularly at the appointed times, they are accepted as a matter of course, and seldom is there any serious objection to them. But where the bells break in at some unexpected time, after, perhaps, a long interval of silence, it is not unnatural that some members of the public should 'kick' at the unaccustomed disturbance of their peace. Moreover, it is in these towers where ringing seldom takes place that the least effort is made to modify the sound in the neighbourhood, and, because they are unused to hearing them, the enforced listeners think the bells are noisier and the periods of ringing longer than they really are. In preserving their Sunday service ringing and their regular practice nights, ringers are not only fulfilling the first claim upon them as church-workers, but are maintaining their own rights and interests against interference from outside. It is not merely the ringers' own convenience that should be studied. Regular ringing is necessary for a two-fold reason.

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LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

On Saturday, October 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 41 cwt.

JOHN HOLMAN Treble	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... 7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 2	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 8
FRANK E. PERVIN 3	WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 9
HENRY R. NEWTON 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... 10
ALBERT WALKER 5	RICHARD F. DEAL ... 11
SAMUEL J. HECTOR 6	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

TEN BELL PEAL.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, October 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6057 CHANGES;

HARRY HUBBLE Treble	HAROLD SHOCK 6
HERBERT SHEPPARD 2	WILLIAM GREEN 7
*STANLEY PRESTIDGE 3	†J. STANLEY MASON 8
RONALD GOODMAN 4	HENRY GOODMAN 9
JOHN GOODMAN 5	GILBERT P. GUEST Tenor

Composed by W. MICKLEWIGHT. Conducted by J. GOODMAN, JUN.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters with an 'inside' bell. † First
peal of Grandsire Caters at first attempt. Rung as a birthday com-
pliment to Herbert Sheppard; also to Mrs. George Hackett, daughter
of the ringer of the 7th, and to Mr. J. Stanley Mason.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 1, 1935, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ROBERT J. DAWE Treble	STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... 5
FRANK CRUTTENDEN 2	FREDRICK DALLAWAY ... 6
CHARLES TYLER 3	KEITH HART 7
WILLIAM J. ALLIS 4	JOHN C. EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, October 19, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

W. BURGARA Treble	JOHN J. L. GILBERT 3
C. POULTNEY 2	S. BRIGGS 6
*N. CHADDOCK 3	J. THORPE 7
S. F. PALMER 4	W. BIGGIN Tenor

Conducted by J. THORPE.

* First peal in the method. Rung for the silver jubilee of the bells,
which were installed in October, 1910.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 19, 1935, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

HARRY D. LISTER Treble	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 5
*FRANK BORLEY 2	SHELFORD SPARROW 6
*JOHN R. STEED 3	EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... 7
KEITH W. WHITTELL 4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

* First peal of Major and first attempt.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 21, 1935, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Dexter's Variation.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	JOHN SADDINGTON ... 5
JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. ... 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 6
JOHN H. GRUNDY ... 3	COLIN HARRISON ... 7
GEORGE E. FOSTER ... 4	FREDERICK PICKARD ... Tenor

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

Believed to be the quickest peal yet rung on eight tower bells.

WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 21, 1935, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Candida and the Holy Cross,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

CHARLES H. JENNINGS ... Treble	CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL ... 5
HENRY G. KEELY ... 2	FRANK PRICE ... 6
H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ... 3	REV. C. CAREW COX ... 7
FRANK BENNETT ... 4	*WALTER G. SARTIN ... Tenor

Conducted by REV. C. CAREW COX.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a compliment to Mr. W. S. B. Northover on the completion of his year as Mayor of Bridport, the peal attempt arranged after his election last year having had to be postponed. Rung also in honour of Trafalgar Day.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(CHESTERFIELD DISTRICT.)

On Wednesday, October 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

*RONALD ALLSOP ... Treble	*ALFRED W. H. BOWLER ... 5
BERNARD ALLSOP ... 2	JOHN R. TAYLOR ... 6
*VICTOR E. TAYLOR ... 3	HERBERT E. TAYLOR ... 7
GEORGE H. PAULSON ... 4	†ERNEST PAULSON ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. TAYLOR.

* First peal of Oxford Bob. † First peal.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 24, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF SPLICED CAMBRIDGE AND SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... Treble	†MISS K. M. BRADFORD ... 5
*WILLIAM WELLING ... 2	*LEONARD STILWELL ... 6
†THOMAS J. LOCK ... 3	†FRANK COFFEY ... 7
*EDWARD S. T. FARR ... 4	*ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. † First peal in these two methods spliced. First peal of Spliced Surprise Major by the Guild. This composition has 2,528 changes of each, and there are 45 changes of method.

ORAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 25, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

LIONEL J. CULLOM ... Treble	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... 5
RENE REDPATH ... 2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 3	MOLLIE REDPATH ... 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 4	HARRY HOVERD ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by RENE REDPATH.

First attempt for Major as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. W. Ranshaw, churchwarden, who was interred the same day.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 26, 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Parish Church,

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

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*EDWIN YATES ... Treble	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... 5
*JOHN A. GREEN ... 2	HERBERT C. EDWARDS ... 6
†FRANK J. GREEN ... 3	THOMAS E. ROBERTS ... 7
†FREDERICK C. CASE ... 4	ALBERT J. GREEN ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN A. GREEN.

Conducted by A. J. GREEN.

* First peal of Double Norwich. † First peal of Major. ‡ First peal of Double Norwich with a bob bell.

CURDRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

D. CECIL WILLIAMS ... Treble	JAMES TOPP ... 5
CHARLES E. BASSITT ... 2	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... 6
*EDWARD T. GRIFFIN ... 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDELETON.

Conducted by A. T. GREENWOOD.

* First peal of Cambridge.

WOOLWICH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... Treble	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 5
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 2	*JOHN S. MORTON ... 6
*BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE ... 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... 7
*ALFRED G. HILL ... 4	HARRY HOVERD ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

* First peal of Oxford.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

On Saturday, October 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... Treble	JAMES BULLOCK ... 5
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 2	CHARLES POTHECARY ... 6
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL, SEN. ... 3	ERNEST BRETT ... 7
WILLIAM H. JOINER ... 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

THOMAS MOULDEN ... Treble	WALTER H. TRUEMAN ... 5
CHARLES J. GARDINER ... 2	*JESSE TUCKWELL ... 6
NEIL ALLNATT ... 3	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... 7
REGINALD C. ARGENT ... 4	FREDERICK J. STAGG ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. KYNASTON.

* First peal of Triples and first attempt. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. F. J. Bowerman and Miss M. C. Green, members of the choir at this church, and on the 26th anniversary of Mr. H. W. and Mrs. Bishop's wedding. Owing to illness Mr. Bishop was unable to stand in the peal.

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On Saturday, October 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Bloomsbury.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE M. KILBY Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
*HORACE M. DAY 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS 7
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method.

GLEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation.) Tenor 11 cwt. 18 lb.

*JOHN WALTON Treble	†JOHN W. SHILVOCK 5
WILLIAM SHORT 2	RALPH PARTON 6
JOHN BASS 3	*STANLEY CHARLES 7
ROBERT MATTHEWS 4	*HARRY WALTON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. Quarterly peal for the branch.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, October 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*WILLIAM BEST Treble	WILLIAM DAVIS 5
ALAN SHORT 2	RICHARD C. INGRAM ... 6
FRED PRICE 3	FRANK E. HAYNES 7
†GEORGE F. SWANN 4	†JOHN N. LINDON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* First peal. † Fiftieth peal and 25th peal as conductor on these bells. † First peal of Stedman.

ABERAVON, GLAM.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 26, 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ERNEST STITCH Treble	EDWARD PHILLIPS 5
*WILLIAM J. THOMAS 2	GEORGE POPPILL 6
JOHN E. BLOXHAM 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN 7
JOHN W. JONES 4	GWYN I. LEWIS Tenor

Composed by H. HOWLETT.

Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

* First peal of Major and first attempt. First of Major as conductor.

GORING-ON-THAMES, OXON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

MRS. M. E. REEVES Treble	STANLEY C. DAVIS 5
CHARLES H. PULLEN 2	HARRY W. SMITH 6
CYRIL J. HIBBERT 3	WILLIAM HIBBERT, JUN. ... 7
RICHARD T. HIBBERT 4	EDWARD G. FOSTER Tenor

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Consisting of 2,880 London, 736 Cambridge, 704 Superlative and 736 Bristol. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES Treble	STEPHEN H. HOARE 5
*CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 2	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 6
†WALTER AYRE 3	*FRANCIS KIRK 7
*ARNOLD BRUNTON 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise. † First peal in four methods. First peal in four methods as conductor, and first in the county by a resident band. Rung to commemorate the anniversary of the death of Lieut. Rutherford, to whose memory the bells were installed.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

WILFRED BOOTH Treble	CHARLES BRASIER 5
FRANK H. HICKS 2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... 6
WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... 3	ARTHUR J. HART 7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY 4	*HAROLD HINSON Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to William A. Kitchenside.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 19, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Simon and Jude,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

ALFRED BALLARD Treble	†FRANK K. MEASURES ... 5
FRANCIS R. DEACON 2	ERNEST MORRIS 6
WILLIAM NEWTON 3	ERNEST E. PICKERING ... 7
*R. S. WILLIAM SMITH 4	GEORGE A. NEWTON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First in the method. Rung in connection with the local feast celebrations.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRED WATKINSON Treble	MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE 5
JAMES H. HAYWOOD 2	JOHN J. L. GILBERT 6
*JOHN E. TURLEY 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK 7
FREDERICK CARDWELL 4	LESLIE HAYWOOD Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 94) Conducted by L. HAYWOOD.

* First peal.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*ALFRED J. WHITTLE Treble	MISS RUBY M. HAZELL ... 5
ERNEST J. TAYLOR 2	MARK ROSIER 6
MISS STELLA DAVIS 3	REGINALD W. REX 7
SAMUEL QUINTON 4	FREDERICK W. GRIMSHAW ... Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD W. REX.

* First peal on eight bells.

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BURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 12, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JAMES BENNETT Treble	FRANK L. FISHER 4
GEORGE PRYKE 2	HERBERT SHERMING 5
WILLIAM WOODS 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

LEA, LINGS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 14, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JOSEPH A. LUNN Treble	NOEL B. THURLBY 4
†GEORGE LESLIE A. LUNN ... 2	GEORGE W. CREASEY 5
†CHARLES H. BAKER 3	*GEORGE W. HUDSON Tenor

Conducted by G. W. CREASEY.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells since restoration by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

KINGSWINFORD.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 19, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores (ten callings). Rung with 4-6-8 behind. Tenor 11 cwt.

*ALBERT J. HUBBLE Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY 5
*HAROLD SMITH 2	*NORMAN BERRY 6
*ARTHUR H. HINGLEY 3	HOWARD HOWELL 7
*JOSEPH GADEN 4	HARRY DODD Tenor

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

* First peal of Doubles. A 21st birthday compliment to H. Howell and a 61st birthday compliment to H. Dodd, the local towerkeeper, who kindly rang the tenor after the band had met short for Grandsire Triples.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Wilfred,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

*CHARLES SHAW Treble	HARRY THELWELL 4
HARRY PARKER 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY 5
ALBERT H. BOOTH 3	HARRY W. HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by H. PARKER.

* First peal.

TATTERSHALL, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, October 25, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being a 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... Treble	WILLIAM E. CLARKE 4
GEORGE LADD 2	CYRIL B. BURRELL 5
HAROLD BARSLEY 3	ROBERT RICHARDSON Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT RICHARDSON.

This is the first peal on the bells, which have recently been rehung and a new treble added.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTTS, HUNTS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 25, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANK WARRINGTON Treble	*FRANK NICHOLLS 4
HARRY SAUNDERS 2	ROBERT SMITH 5
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 3	JOHN PERKINS Tenor

Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

* First peal.

MAIDEN NEWTON, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 26, 1935, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Clement's, and four different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*HAROLD C. R. VINE ... Treble	†H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ... 4
*ARTHUR G. CHUBB 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
†GEORGE H. WHITEMORE ... 3	FRANK PRICE Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

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

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

GEORGE H. BISHOP ... Treble	TOM SAUNDERS 4
CHARLES SAUNDERS 2	HARRY BISHOP 5
CHARLES H. SONE 3	LUTHER J. HONESS Tenor

Conducted by LUTHER J. HONESS.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of a daughter of Mr. E. Butcher, one of the local band.

TUDDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

*OLIVER J. KIDBY ... Treble	JOHN F. TILLET 4
CHARLES W. PARKER 2	EDWIN C. SIMPSON 5
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 3	*PERCY K. PARKER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. G. BROWN.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells since the addition of a new treble by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich. Rung as a farewell peal to Brig.-Gen. C. T. Caulfield, churchwarden for over 20 years.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Alnwick, Chester, Carlisle, York, Cambridge, Surfleet and Beverley. Tenor 11 cwt. 9 lb.

WALTER J. BAYLIE ... Treble	JOSEPH LESLIE 4
*DOUGLAS WATSON 2	†JAMES BLAIR 5
ALFRED K. LEATHAM 3	WILLIAM DEAN Tenor

Conducted by W. DEAN.

* First peal and first 720 in all the methods except Cambridge. † First peal in seven methods and first peal of Surprise.

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(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES,
Tenor 9½ cwt.

FREDERICK W. STOKES ... Treble	KENNETH W. MAYER ... 4
*CECIL J. MAYER ... 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 5
*MISS ADELINE A. STOKES ... 3	GEOFFREY M. MAYER ... Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by F. W. STOKES
* First peal of Cambridge Minor 'inside.' First peal of Surprise Minor in the city of Lincoln.

BUTTERWICK, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's in 23 methods, viz.: (1) Plain Bob, Double Bob, Hereward and Single Oxford; (2) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (3) Old Oxford, Newdigate, Willesden, College Bob IV. and Marple Delights; (4) Wath and Carisbrooke Delights; (5) St. Clement's, Childwall, College Single and Wavertree; (6) Double Oxford, Thelwall, London Bob and Lytham Bob; (7) Double and Single Court. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE W. BURRELL ... Treble	HAROLD BARSLEY ... 4
ARTHUR YOUNG ... 2	CYRIL R. BURRELL ... 5
HARVEY E. BURRELL ... 3	VERNON TAYLOR ... Tenor

Conducted by V. TAYLOR.

First peal in 23 methods for all except conductor. First in 23 methods as conductor.

Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

BELL BROADCASTS.

A RINGER'S PROTEST TO THE B.B.C.

The following is a copy of a letter addressed to the B.B.C. by Mr. T. Groombridge, jun., on the question of superimposing announcements on the broadcast of bells before Sunday evening services:—

Dear Sirs,—I have previously (some years ago) approached you on the matter of broadcasting church bells previous to a broadcast service protesting at your action in fading the bells out for announcements, etc.

I feel compelled to repeat this protest, as you gave a special example of this prior to the service at Newcastle Cathedral this evening, the greater portion of the ringing being drowned by an exceptionally protracted recital of matter already printed in 'The Radio Times.' I would remind you that change ringing is an art which has its devotees in all parts of the kingdom, and your action in broadcasting the bells momentarily only to fade them down to an accompaniment to the voice of the announcer is little short of an insult to those interested, who can hear the bells in the far distance, but not clear enough to follow.

Had this not been brought to your notice before, one could easily assume that you act in ignorance, not realising what a broadcast 'touch' conveys to ringers in various parts, but as this is continually repeated it becomes evident that the much vaunted 'proper behaviour' of the B.B.C. is a negligible quantity when the powers that be are not interested.—Yours faithfully,

T. GROOMBRIDGE.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Catherington on Saturday, October 19th, when members were present from Catherington, Farnham, Havant, Portsmouth (Cathedral and St. Mary's), Swanmore, Soberton, Titchfield and Wickham.

The Guild's form of service was used, the Vicar (the Rev. B. P. Sheppard) officiating. An excellent tea was served, after which the business meeting was held. The Vicar, who was voted to the chair, was elected an honorary member of the Guild, and Messrs. G. T. Rogers (Cathedral), F. Besant (Catherington) and H. George (Havant) were elected ringing members.

Curridge was selected for the next quarterly meeting, the date to be April 18th, 1936.

It was proposed by Mr. F. W. Rogers (general secretary), seconded by Mr. E. Warner, that a donation of £2 2s. be made towards the cost of the restoration of Catherington bells.—This was carried with unanimous approval.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and for officiating at the service and business meeting.

The Vicar suitably responded, after which the members returned to the tower for further ringing, which consisted of rounds, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

FOR BEGINNERS.

MORE MINOR METHODS.

A few weeks ago in this column we urged that six-bell ringers who hitherto had confined themselves to Bob Minor should make an effort to get out of the rut, and we endeavoured to show them how to make a start. We hope that in the intervening weeks those to whom this particularly applied have made some effort to do as we suggested. We now return to the subject again, to take them, we hope, a step further on the way.

In the construction of many pairs of methods the rows which form the lead—the lead in this case being the rows which you write on paper from and including the initial rounds, down to and including the first row of the treble's whole pull—can be identical. The difference in the method is only in the connecting link between the rows at the treble's handstroke lead and the backstroke lead. Here is an example of what we mean: Suppose, when the treble gets back to lead the first time, the bells at the handstroke are rung in the order 146235, the backstroke lead of the treble can have any one of three different rows (excluding the question of singles). Thus:—

146253	146253	146253
142635	164523	164235

In the first you have a 2nd's place 'link,' in the second you have a 6th's place 'link'; the third gives you a 4th's place 'link.' The first and the second provide two different 'methods'; the third is the 'bob' for both of them.

This may seem a little advanced for some beginners, but in this article we are assuming that readers already know something about methods such as Bob Minor and Reverse Bob Minor, and that they have studied what we had to say about Court Bob and Oxford Bob (vide August 16th issue). We wrote then of the close relationship between the two last-named methods, which have the same 'leads,' but different connecting 'links,' and, as we have said, there are many pairs of methods with similar characteristics. Such a pair is St. Clement's Bob and College Bob.

In both methods two bells dodge on the front throughout the whole lead, that is from the time the treble goes away, until it returns. In both every other bell, when the treble is above it, goes down to make 3rd's place and returns to the back.

In College Bob 6th's place is made when the treble leads; in St. Clement's, 2nd's is made; and therein lies the difference. In any method, 2nd's place when the treble leads causes all the bells above to dodge in pairs, i.e., in Minor, in 3-4, and 5-6. If 6th's place is made when the treble leads, there is no dodge.

Here are the figures of the two methods. We give them side by side, so that it can be seen that the only difference in the figures is at the connecting link. That difference, however, puts the work, lead by lead, in a different consecutive order, in addition, in the case of St. Clement's, to introducing a dodge each time the treble leads.

Beginners should extend the lead to the full course, and then make a diagram of each, by drawing a line downward through one or other of the figures:—

St. Clement's	College
123456	123456
214365	214365
241635	241635
426153	426153
246513	246513
425631	425631
245361	245361
423516	423516
243156	243156
421365	421365
412635	412635
146253	146253
142635	164523

If, when you have completed your diagrams, you think you can ring your methods by memorising it, do so, because later on you will find that ringing by diagram is by far the easiest way, when you want to put fresh methods into practice. But if at this stage you prefer to ring by a table, here is the work of each method set out in that form:—

ST. CLEMENT'S.

Pass treble in 1-2, make 2nd's, lead and dodge three times in 1-2 up. Pass treble in 2-3, dodge in 3-4 up, lie whole pull behind, make 3rd's. Pass treble in 3-4, dodge in 5-6 up, lie whole pull behind, make 3rd's. Pass treble in 4-5, lie whole pull behind, dodge in 5-6 down, make 3rd's.

Pass treble in 5-6, lie whole pull behind, dodge 3-4 down, dodge three times in 1-2 down and lead.

That is the consecutive work, but in College Bob the treble is not met in the same succession of positions.

COLLEGE BOB.

Pass treble in 1-2, lie a whole pull behind, make 3rd's. Pass treble in 3-4, lie a whole pull behind, make 3rd's.

(Continued in next column.)

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The October meeting was held at St. Matthew's, Holbeck, on Saturday last. The bells were raised in peal at 3 p.m., and ringing continued until 9 o'clock, except for a break for tea and the business meeting, which were held in the church school. Mr. S. Barron presided, and members were present from Armley, Birstall, Birstwith, Burley, Calverley, Drighlington, Felkirk, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Halifax, Leeds Parish Church, Rothwell, Ripon, Sherburn, Shipley, Tadcaster and the local company.

One new member was elected, the Rev. G. R. Norton, of the local company.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and the St. Matthew's ringers were proposed by Mr. J. Ewbank and seconded by Mr. T. W. Strangeway, the Rev. G. R. Norton replying.

The next meeting is to be held at St. Michael's, Headingley, on Saturday, November 30th. After the business meeting, handbells were brought into use. Methods rung in the tower during the day were Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise.

BAD LUCK!

An attempt for a peal of Bob Royal was made at Crewe on Saturday, October 26th, but after 3 hours 10 minutes' ringing, and when the bells were in the last course, the tenor clapper broke. It flew out and lit the rope of the third bell, causing a cast rope. This unexpected ending was unfortunate, as the ringers of the treble and fourth would have scored their first peal, and three of the band had travelled long distances to stand in, Mr. J. H. Riding, from London, Mr. Tom Lamb, from Stourbridge, and Mr. C. H. Page, from Stoke. It was also the first peal attempt of Bob Royal with Mr. R. D. Langford as conductor.

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Pass treble in 5-6, lie a whole pull behind, lead, dodge three times in 1-2 up.

Pass treble in 2-3, lie a whole pull behind, make 3rd's.

Pass treble in 4-5, lie a whole pull behind, dodge three times in 1-2 down, lead.

At a bob in each method 4th's place is made, by the bell passing the treble in 2-3. In St. Clement's the effect is exactly as in Bob Minor. It cuts out the 2nd's place and the dodging in 3-4.

In College Bob, the work in front is the same, and the two bells in 5-6 dodge. Again, exactly the same as in Bob Minor.

B.Y.P. AT WARFIELD.

A well-attended meeting was once again the report of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch on Saturday, this time at Warfield, when nearly two score Bright Young People from at least four counties put in an appearance. Rounds to Surprise ensured that all had a pull, about half a peal of Grandsire being rung in touches, also one touch of 'Stedman Bob Triples' (this was a corker for music). It is believed that some splicing was planned, but the date is not yet fixed.

An invitation to come again made it evident that someone was anxious for more.

OLD READERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I must be a second Mr. Billeuness. I have taken a copy of 'The Ringing World' from its first issue, but have been out of ringing for several years now. I like to read of what my old friends are up to. But bells have their charm. I was passing through Hornchurch, Essex, a few evenings back. The bells were being pulled up. I made my way to the ringing chamber, met an old friend and took the sixth to a nice touch of Stedman Triples.

HENRY F. COOPER.

Stisted, Essex.

LEATHERHEAD RINGER'S 'DOUBLE' EVENT.

On Sunday, October 27th, at the Parish Church, Leatherhead, for evening service, to mark the 55th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Messam and Mr. W. Messam's 55 years' service at the church as a ringer, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes): A. C. Otway 1, A. H. Winch 2, W. G. Newberry 3, A. H. Smith 4, G. Marriner 5, C. Smart 6, A. Harman (conductor) 7, H. V. Young 8. Mr. Messam still takes an active part in the service ringing. All the above are members of the local band.

TRIBUTE TO DEAD DUKE.

On Tuesday, October 22nd, at the Parish Church of St. Edmund, Warkton, Northants, a quarter-peal of Doubles, comprising 240 each of St. Simon's, Chase, Canterbury and Plain Bob and 300 of Grandsire: D. Bussey 1, H. T. Eastbrook 2, A. S. Toseland 3, L. G. Toseland 4, B. P. Morris (conductor) 5. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a last tribute of respect to His Grace the Duke of Buccleuch, the patron of the living, who that day was interred at Dalkeith, Selkirk.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Following the damage done to the spire of Week St. Mary Church, Devon, by lightning, the six bells are being restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

At the age of 16, Miss Rene Redpath, of Crayford, has called a peal of Bob Major at the first attempt. This is an exceptional performance for a young lady.

We are asked to insert the following: Will the assistant secretary who is carefully looking after the minute book and other property kindly arrange that the same be returned forthwith to the secretary, in order that the business of the association may be proceeded with.

A big gathering of ringers is expected at Nottingham to-morrow, when the bells at St. Mary's Church are to be reopened. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have carried out a complete restoration. There is an entirely new frame and fittings, and nine of the bells have been recast. The only bell preserved of the former ring is the fine old tenor.

The eight youngsters who last year at Crayford created a new juvenile record by ringing a peal of Bob Major at the average age of 15 years 2 weeks have each received a permanent memento of their excellent performance. It is an emblem printed in gold and three colours, and has been given to the young ringers by Mr. P. E. Dawe, who was largely responsible for organising the peal.

Referring to Mr. Fred Wilford's work for ringing in Northamptonshire, on the occasion of the presentation to him in recognition of his services, the Rev. R. C. Thursfield alluded to the fact that Mr. Wilford's photograph appeared in the late Rev. F. E. Robinson's book, 'Among the Bells.'

A local paper reporting this says: 'He (Mr. Wilford) had been mentioned in the book, 'Bells Thro' the Ages,' written by the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, of Surfleet, Lincolnshire.' Does the Mayor and Corporation of Surfleet know this book?

College Youths from many places outside London met on Saturday and rang a peal at Cornhill. The Birmingham contingent reached home at 3.10 a.m. on Sunday and found a fleet of motor buses waiting for them outside Snow Hill Station. However, they only wanted one each, but it was very thoughtful of Birmingham Corporation to provide the conveyances. (Is this, by any chance, one of the first results of having a vice-president of St. Martin's Guild among the City Councillors?) Anyhow, it enabled the weary ones to get to bed before 4 a.m., and, we understand, they were at St. Martin's at 10 a.m. for service ringing.

In the report of the peal rung at Egerton, Kent, on October 6th, the name of the tenor ringer should have been S. Vincent Field.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hughes, of Bradford, are proud grandparents. Their first grandchild was born to their daughter on Friday, October 25th, the 80th birthday of Mrs. S. A. Hughes, Mr. Hughes' mother.

On the same day Mr. Joseph Broadley, the veteran Bradford ringer, attained the age of 76 years. An attempt for a peal of Stedman Caters at Bradford Cathedral in honour of these events unfortunately came to grief after two hours' ringing.

Messrs. H. Saunders, who rang the 2nd, and John Perkins, who rang the tenor in the peal at Hemingford Abbots, recorded in another column, have been constant ringers together for over 50 years. Mr. Saunders had not rung a peal for over 20 years and is 75 years of age. Mr. Perkins is in his 70th year and can yet show the way to get the 'big 'un' along.

A tower-bell peal in 2 hours 8 minutes! That, believe us, is 'some going,' even for the 6½ cwt. ring at Loughborough Bell Foundry, where 5,040 Stedman Triples was knocked off last week in what is believed to be the quickest time yet for a peal on eight tower bells.

'EDUCATING' THE PUBLIC.

Quite a number of lectures on bells and bellringing are to be given in the near future in various parts of the country. Among them Mr. E. Morris, hon. secretary of the Midland Counties Association, is dealing with 'Bells in Lore and Legend' on November 16th in the series of Museum Lectures at Leicester; Councillor A. Payne, M.D.E., J.P., president of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, is giving a lantern lecture on 'Church Bells and Change Ringing' in the Municipal Lectures at Gateshead on November 27th; Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, hon. secretary of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, is to give a talk on 'Bells and Bellringing' to members of the Woking 'Round Table' on November 25th, and Mr. Percy Cave is to give an address on 'Campanology' to the Derby Rotarians in December. All this seems to be evidence of a growing interest in the art of ringing by the general public.

PEAL OF TEN FOR LANCASHIRE. WORSLEY BELLS DEDICATED BY ARCH- BISHOP OF YORK.

Peals of ten in Lancashire are not very numerous, and a valuable addition has been made by the recasting of the bells and the addition of two new trebles at St. Mark's Church, Worsley. The bells have been installed by Messrs. Taylor & Co., and with a tenor of 24 cwt. in D are one of the finest rings of their weight in the country. The church was opened in 1846, when three bells were hung in the tower, and in 1873 Messrs. Taylor & Co. replaced these with a ring of eight.



ST. MARK'S CHURCH, WORSLEY.

The new peal was dedicated on October 19th by His Grace the Archbishop of York. So large was the congregation that sought admission, the church would not hold them all, and the service was amplified so that those outside the building could join in it.

The Vicar (the Rev. J. Renshaw) conducted the service, in which Canon H. J. Elsee, president of the Lancashire Association, also took part. The Archbishop, clergy, choir and others proceeded to the west end of the church, where the formal dedication of the bells and the Ellacombe chiming apparatus took place, and immediately after the recessional hymn the bells were rung in 'rounds' and 'queen's.' The fine quality of their tone delighted all who heard them.

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BELLS REOPENED AT EWELL.

RESTORATION OF A SURREY PEAL.

The reopening of the bells at Ewell, Surrey, after rehanging took place on Saturday. The ring of eight has been put on ball bearings in a reinforced frame, and the fittings have also been restored. The work has been admirably carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who have effected a great improvement in the 'go' of the bells, which for some time had given trouble. Effective steps have also been taken to minimise the amount of noise from the bells outside the church—a desirable action in any case, but particularly in this instance, since a new telephone exchange has been built on the opposite side of the road, the main route from London to Worthing, which runs past the church. The louvres have been double match-boarded and the sound of the bells outside is thus considerably modified. This part of the work was carried out by Mr. C. Read, one of the local ringers, under the direction of the bellfounders.

There was a considerable gathering of ringers for the reopening service. The rededication was performed by the Rev. C. R. Pattison Muir (Rural Dean of Epsom) and an appropriate address given by the Rev. E. C. Usherwood (Rector of Belstead and until recently Vicar of Ewell), by whom the scheme for the bell restoration was started.

In the course of the service silent prayers were offered 'to ask God's blessing upon this church and its appurtenances.'

The actual dedication took place in the belfry, where Mr. Cyril Johnston, representing the bellfounders, handed the rope of the tenor bell to the churchwarden asking him to receive the bells, which had been restored, that they might once more call God's people to His House of Prayer.

The churchwarden then handed the rope to the Rural Dean, requesting him to rededicate the bells, which Canon Muir did, with the customary prayers. The bells were rung by a band from the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild while the procession returned to the church. The Rev. E. C. Usherwood gave the address, and the service finished with the hymn, 'Lifted high within the steeple,' and the Blessing.

Afterwards the visiting ringers from many towers were entertained to tea, and were welcomed by the new Vicar (the Rev. C. G. Holland), who spoke of the work done to the bells as being the outcome of the efforts of the Rev. E. C. Usherwood. They were glad to have the bells once again in a satisfactory condition, and he congratulated Messrs. Gillett and Johnston upon their work. He hoped the ringers from the Guild would pay them frequent visits.

The subsequent ringing gave all the visitors the opportunity of trying the bells, and a great variety of methods was rung. The 'go' of the bells delighted everyone.

Ewell bells have a somewhat unusual history. Originally there was a ring of six bells cast at Whitechapel in 1767 and hung in the tower of the old church. The fourth was recast in 1840 and the bells were removed to the new church. A restoration took place in 1890, when the tenors were recast and two trebles were added. Although these four bells were all cast in the same year, the trebles and the tenors bear the names of different churchwardens. The explanation is that one order was given before Easter and the other after Easter, when fresh churchwardens had been appointed. Mr. John Beams, still one of the regular ringers at Ewell, is the only surviving member of the band that rang for the opening of the eight bells.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DIVISION MEETING AT BEXHILL.

A meeting of the Eastern Division was held at St. Peter's, Bexhill, on Saturday, October 19th, when members attended from Eastbourne (St. Saviour's), Hastings (All Saints'), St. Leonards, Uckfield, Battle and Heathfield, with Mr. Piper, of Eastbourne. Touches in various methods from Grandsire to Double Norwich were rung. In the absence of the Rector, the Rev. Hyde-Smith took the service and gave an appreciative address upon the music of the bells.

The Rev. Hyde-Smith presided at the tea and business meeting which followed. The secretary mentioned that he was arranging the next meeting at Hastings on December 7th.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. W. D. Smith to the Rector for the use of the bells, to the Rev. Hyde-Smith for his eloquent address, and to Mr. Piper for so generously covering the cost of the tea.

The members then returned to the tower, and the bells were kept going until 8 o'clock.

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Following the service a touch of Grandsire Caters was rung, and after tea some 50 ringers from many Lancashire towers rang the bells in a variety of touches and found that the 'go' of the bells, as well as the tone, was perfect. The founders were represented by Mr. Paul Taylor.

Lancashire has three rings of twelve, Ashton-under-Lyne, Liverpool and Oldham, but out of nearly 190 towers in the association there were only eight ten-bell towers before the augmentation at Worsley.

There are ten bells at both Manchester Cathedral and Town Hall, the others are at St. Helens, Blackburn, Leyland, Preston, Dalton-in-Furness and Kendal. There is the promise, now, of another ring of ten at Wigan.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. PRESENTATION TO LATE MASTER.

A special general meeting of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held at Northampton on Saturday, October 19th, for the purpose of showing appreciation of the services Mr. F. Wilford has rendered during the 11 years the Guild has been formed. Throughout this time Mr. Wilford held the office of Master until he retired last Whitsun.

Tea was partaken of at the County Cafe, 66 sitting down, after which the Master (the Rev. E. S. Powell) presided.

The Rev. R. C. Thursfield, J.P., president of the Kettering Branch, outlined the work Mr. Wilford had done during the past 11 years as Master of the Guild, and before that time as general hon. secretary of the old Central Northants Association from 1905 to 1920; also as a district secretary of the Northampton District, and last, but not least, as a representative on the Central Council of Church Bell-ringers for over 30 years. The speaker also mentioned Mr. Wilford's work in arranging for the peal attempts, when the frequent visits of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson to Northamptonshire used to take place early this century, and added that his photograph appeared in the book, 'Among the Bells.'

The presentation was made by the Master and took the form of a roll of notes (£20) and an album containing the names of the subscribers, which numbered 436. The Master paid tribute to Mr. Wilford's efforts in the past for the good of the art, and urged all the members to realise that they belong to a great organisation and to do their part in carrying on its work.

Mr. Wilford thanked all the members who had subscribed and also all those who had attended that meeting. He looked on that gathering as a representative one, from practically the whole of the Guild, and felt that they had come to honour him. He had no doubt done some work himself, but he had been ably assisted by others, notably the general secretaries and also the branch secretaries, past and present. Sometimes difficulties had arisen, but had been got over, and he was proud of the way they had all worked together.

The Rev. J. White, R.D., president of the Northampton Branch, moved a vote of thanks to the general hon. secretary (Mr. R. G. Black) and the branch hon. secretaries for the large amount of work they must have done to make the testimonial such a success.

Among those present, in addition to those mentioned above, were Mrs. Powell, Miss Thursfield (hon. secretary, Northants District, Ladies' Guild), the Rev. W. H. Fearis (president, Daventry Branch), the Rev. E. V. Fenn (hon. secretary, Towcester Branch), Messrs. H. Baxter (hon. secretary, Kettering Branch), G. A. Hollick (hon. secretary, Guilsborough Branch), J. Dean (hon. secretary, Northampton Branch) and R. G. Black (general secretary). Apologies were received from the Rev. J. M. Turner (Moulton), Messrs. A. Bigley (hon. secretary, Wellingborough Branch) and J. Nickerson (hon. secretary, Thrapston Branch).

The bells of the Churches of the Holy Sepulchre, St. Giles and St. Peter were made good use of during the afternoon and evening.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. ROCHESTER DISTRICT'S 'VOTE OF CONFIDENCE.'

After seven consecutive years of holding the district's annual meeting at Rochester Cathedral, the members decided, at the Borden meeting, to hold the annual event for this year at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Chatham. The choice of this tower proved to be almost as popular as the ten bells at Rochester, although the comparatively small ringing chamber at Chatham was certainly a handicap for the waiting ringers.

Ringling started at 3 p.m., touches in Triples and Major being rung to accommodate the capabilities of the numerous visitors. The association's special form of service was conducted in the church by the Rector (the Rev. C. A. H. Lowe), assisted by the curate (the Rev. Agg). The organist and choir were in attendance, and the service opened with the ringers' hymn, 'Unchanging God.' The church was beautifully decorated with flowers in readiness for the Sunday services, which, appropriately enough, was the dedication festival.

After the service the ringers were entertained to tea by the association, the Rector, Mrs. Lowe, the curate and one of the churchwardens being also present. Touches on handbells were rung after tea.

At the business meeting, which was presided over by the Rector, two new members were elected.

The balance sheet, which showed a balance of over £19, including just over £3 collected at the meetings during the year for the Benevolent Fund, was accepted. The secretary's report, dealing with the district's activities, was also read, reference being made to the passing of Dr. Talbot, late Dean of Rochester, in April last, and also to the death of Mr. Edward H. Spice, who had recently passed away. The company stood in silence for a few moments as a token of respect. A vote, amounting to one of entire confidence in the General Committee of the association, was carried.

Mr. W. Spice, sen., was re-elected district representative, and Mr. E. A. G. Allen was also elected as the other representative. The district secretary was re-elected.

Votes of thanks were carried, with applause, to the Rector for allowing the bells to be used, for taking the service and for presiding at the meeting, and to the organist and choir for their kind help.

DIFFICULTY OF KEEPING YOUNG RINGERS. ARCHDEACON OF COVENTRY'S VIEWS.

Members of the Warwickshire Guild were honoured on Saturday week by the presence of their president at their quarterly meeting, which was held at St. Andrew's, Rugby, a church having the unique distinction of two separate peals of bells in its two towers. The old ring of five was hung in 1711, and the ring of eight placed in the new tower when the church was enlarged in 1895. Ringing took place on both peals during the afternoon and evening.

A short service was conducted by the Archdeacon of Coventry (the Ven. Brook), the recently appointed Rector of Rugby Parish Church. The organist, Mr. E. W. Grocock, F.R.C.O., A.R.C.M., very kindly played the organ for the hymns and the psalm, and the lesson was read by Mr. M. Melville, secretary of the Guild.

The Archdeacon opened his address with a few words of welcome and went on to say that bellringers were worthy of an honoured place among churchworkers. They performed, he said, a very important duty Sunday by Sunday. He stressed the message which the bells delivered to the world and declared that the ringing of the bells on Sunday was the only survival of the old-fashioned English Sunday. The first experience he had of bellringing, he said, was when he was inducted to the living of Doncaster. He pulled the rope, but failed, try as he might, to get any sound out of the bell. He made sure, at his induction at Rugby, that this should not occur again, for he got the verger to start the bell for him before he took hold of the rope. He was pleased, he continued, to see so many young ringers at the meeting that day. He was of opinion that the difficulty in keeping young recruits was that young people were very reluctant to do anything which they could not do well almost at once. As a result they became impatient and lost interest; but to those who stuck to it would come the reward which comes to all who have acquired skill in a difficult art.

At the business meeting which followed tea, the Rev. J. A. B. Davies (Vicar of Chilvers Coton and president of the Guild) took the chair. He was supported by Mr. J. H. White (Ringing Master), Mr. T. W. Chapman, Mr. M. Melville (secretary) and other ringers and friends from Allesley, Nuneaton, Bulkington, Chilvers Coton, Lillington, Monks Kirby, Stoke, Melton Mowbray and several of the local band.

It was proposed to delay the November meeting a week so that it could take place on November 23rd, which is the actual date on which the Guild was founded 28 years ago. This meeting is to be held at Nuneaton and Chilvers Coton, when it is hoped that several of the older and past members of the Guild will be present.

The December meeting was arranged for Arley, and the quarterly meeting for Warwick in January.

It was unanimously agreed that Archdeacon Brook be made a vice-president of the Guild, and to this he readily consented.

The William Pye Memorial scheme was discussed, and it was eventually decided to leave the matter open.

Percy Stone, who was the youngest ringer to take part in the juvenile peal of Bob Major at Crayford, brought to the meeting an emblem which Mr. F. E. Dawe had had printed and copies presented to each of the young ringers. This emblem is to be presented to Percy at the next meeting suitably framed by the Guild.

The president was thanked by the Ringing Master for presiding at the meeting. He replied by saying that although he was not often able to be present at the Guild's meetings, he had the welfare of the Guild always at heart, and fully appreciated the good work the ringers carried out in the various churches of the diocese.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and for his address, to the organist, and to the local ringers for having everything in readiness.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH BELLS, SANDWICH. A DIFFICULT SITUATION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—When Councillor J. J. Caspell was elected Mayor of Sandwich, Kent, in 1933, his great ambition was to have the bells of his native town restored and rung again, the bells, for about 35 years, having only been chimed. He organised a committee and set about raising the necessary funds, and upwards of £500 was got together. After this money had been raised, the Rector proposed a new scheme of alteration inside the church, viz., to move the organ from its present place to another, make a new vestry and remove the ceiling in the church, so as to expose the rafters, at a cost of £700.

A special meeting was held, at which the Mayor disagreed with the new proposal, and heated remarks passed.

The position now is that a new Mayor is being elected and a proposal that the money be distributed among Kent hospitals is rumoured, but I have been unable to confirm this. I doubt whether the money can be used for any other purpose than the bells. Have you or your readers heard of a similar case?

CHARLES TURNER (Capt., St. Mary's, Dover).

[If the money were definitely subscribed for the restoration of the bells, we doubt if any portion of it could be diverted to any other purpose without the consent of the subscribers.—Editor, 'The Ringing World.']

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM. A STORY OF ASTON'S WEATHERCOCK.

Although the quarterly meeting of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham had to be postponed from October 5th until October 19th, between 40 and 50 members attended to hear and ring on the new peal of twelve bells at Aston Parish Church. There was a peal of eight bells there as far back as 1776, and in 1814 these were augmented into a peal of ten, and on June 29th this year they were recast and again augmented to make a peal of twelve by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. Many famous peals have been rung on Aston bells, amongst the earliest being 10,080 Bob Major on September 29th, 1788, in six hours and 23 minutes; and 15,360 Bob Major on October 1st, 1793, in nine hours 31 minutes.

Here it was that such old Birmingham worthies as Henry Johnson, Tom Russam, William Carter and William Kent used to ring, and it is recorded that on one occasion, whilst a peal was in progress, the weathercock on top of the spire fell down. When the ringers came down to see what had happened, Henry Johnson told them that if they opened the base of the weathercock they would find certain newspapers and coins in it. This was found to be correct, and when asked how he knew, said he saw them put in. Singularly enough on the day the new peal of twelve were dedicated it was observed how erratically the weathercock was oscillating, and on closer examination it has been found necessary to renew the stonework on top of the spire and reset the weathercock.

The Guild's form of service was conducted by the curate, and a very interesting and helpful address was given by the Vicar, the Rev. H. McIlwain. An excellent tea had been provided by the local ringers' wives and friends, and this was thoroughly enjoyed.

The business meeting was presided over by Mr. Vice-President A. Paddon Smith, in the absence of the Master, Mr. Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., who wrote regretting his inability to attend owing to the changed date. Apologies were also received from Mr. Harry Mason, Mr. Malcolm Melville, and the King's Norton ringers, who were holding their annual excursion that day.

Correspondence regarding the proposed memorial to the late William Pyc was read, and it was decided that this should be left to each individual member to support, the secretary undertaking to send up any amounts subscribed.

Mr. Ernest Morris' latest book, 'Legends of the Bells,' was also referred to, and the suggestion that ringers should attempt to get the book into all local libraries by entering it on the Readers' Suggestion List was made.

GUILD'S TWO HEADQUARTERS.

It was unanimously decided to hold the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner on February 29th, 1936.

The tower election of Mrs. R. Richardson, of Surfleet, as a life member, was duly ratified; and the following new members were elected: Mr. William Best, of Erdington; Mr. Reginald Chance, of Stourbridge, and Mr. Arthur Edgerton, of Aston.

It was decided to hold the bi-quarterly meeting at Handsworth on Saturday, November 16th, and the annual meeting on Saturday, January 4th, at headquarters.

In proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, to Mr. W. Davies and the ladies who arranged tea, the Chairman said what an enjoyable meeting it had been. The service particularly had been out of the ordinary. The ringers had all been gathered in the chancel, and with the aid of the organ and the particularly helpful address, one felt it was really worth while. It was also nice to be back at Aston again, as, owing to the bells having been out of order, it had been 10 years since the Guild held a meeting there. He would remind the Vicar that the Guild had really two headquarters, as the St. Martin's Guild was an amalgamation of the St. Martin's Youths, established 1755, and the Holt Society of Aston, established 1879.

The Vicar, in acknowledging the vote of thanks, said he was pleased to note the chairman's remarks regarding the two headquarters, and he hoped that the old happy relationship would be renewed and strengthened.

The Ringing Master, Mr. F. E. Haynes, referred to the recent honour conferred upon the chairman, Mr. Paddon Smith, in being elected a member of the City Council, and tendered to him the hearty congratulations of the Guild.

COLLECTED FROM TEN TOWERS.

ESSEX RINGERS JOIN IN AN EXCURSION.

The sixth annual outing of the Kirby and District ringers and friends took place on Saturday, September 28th, towers in Suffolk and Norfolk being visited. Leaving Clacton at 7 a.m., the coach toured the district to pick up the party from ten neighbouring villages, including Clacton-on-Sea, St. Osyth, Thorington, Great Bentley, Great Holland, Kirby, Thorpe, Wecley, Little Clacton and Tenterden. The places visited during the excursion were Eye, Fressingfield, Redenhall, Bungay and Beccles, and the methods rung were Double Norwich, Grandfire Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major and Royal. The total number of changes rung during the day was about 4,000, and the ringing was conducted by Mr. E. E. Davey, of Little Clacton. The arrangements for the outing were made by Mr. H. A. Wright, Clacton. The ringers wish to thank all clergy and towerkeepers for the use of the bells and having everything ready.

HOBART CELEBRATES 'EMPIRE' REUNION.

FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS IN HOLY TRINITY TOWER.

The reunion of the 'Empire' ringers in London on September 14th had an echo in far-off Tasmania. The Union Jack flew over the tower of Holy Trinity Church, Hobart, in honour of the event, on Sunday morning, the 15th, and while the London gathering was actually in progress special ringing took place and 'the health of the English tourists' was drunk in coffee. The Hobart ringers spent a happy morning.

Further improvements have been carried out in the belfry. Mr. Medhurst, a native of Chobham, near Woking, Surrey, and now a prominent tradesman in Hobart, has installed a telephone between the belfry and the bell chamber, in memory of his wife, who died recently, and an electric power point has been put into the ringing chamber so that a fan can be used in summer and a radiator in winter.

The English tourists will join in expressing their sympathy to Mr. J. H. Gould, a Hobart pharmacist and one of the ringers at Holy Trinity, and Mrs. Gould, in the death of their son, Mr. John Lyndhurst Gould, after a short illness following influenza. He was 20 years of age and died in Melbourne, where he had gone to study for the medical profession.

HOBART CATHEDRAL BELLS.

DONOR'S INTENTION 'MORE THAN FULLY CARRIED OUT.'

The Dean of Hobart (the Very Rev. A. R. Rivers), speaking as chairman at the annual meeting of the parishioners and congregation of St. David's Cathedral, Hobart, said that the subject of the bells had received a certain amount of publicity lately, with the result that the impression might have got abroad that the Cathedral Board had ordered an unworthy set of bells. It might be well to state briefly what had been done. The Board had accepted a tender of Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, for a carillon of 13 bells. The tenor bell was to weigh 15 cwt., and would be capable of being tolled for services in place of the small one now in use. Eight of the 13 bells would be hung for ringing, like the well-known peal of Holy Trinity Church. The remaining five bells would be stationary, and would supply the two semi-tones, and the three extra notes required for a small carillon for chiming. The total weight of the bells would be about 74½ cwt. The tone depended greatly on weight, and, once again, to quote Holy Trinity, the tenor bell of which weighed 10 cwt., that of St. David's would weigh 15 cwt.

The intention of the late Miss Page, who had left money for 'a peal of bells,' would thus be more than fully carried out.

RINGERS' GIFT TO WOLVERHAMPTON RECTOR.

PRESENTATION AT ST. PETER'S.

During the brief silence of the bells before the evening service at St. Peter's Church, Wolverhampton, opportunity was taken of presenting to the Rector a silver bell-shaped inkstand as a parting gift from the ringers of the church. Mr. G. A. Baker, who was deputed to act as chairman of the gathering, spoke of the regret which the ringers felt at the Rector's departure, and offered their congratulations upon his appointment to the higher office in the work of the Church of the diocese, viz., Archdeacon of Stafford.

The captain, Mr. H. Knight, then asked the Rector's acceptance of the inkstand, which, it was hoped, would be a constant reminder of the ringers, who had, during the past six years, received every kindness and encouragement from the Rector.

Replying and expressing his thanks for the gift, the Rector spoke of the loyalty and help received from the ringers, and incidentally mentioned the fact that he would still come into contact with them, inasmuch as he had accepted the presidency of the Society of Change Ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

Mr. W. M. Pinson and Mr. S. H. Tonks (churchwardens) were also present in the belfry.

PRESENTATION AT BIDDULPH, STAFFS.

RECOGNITION OF CONDUCTOR'S 40 YEARS' SERVICE.

An interesting ceremony took place in the belfry at Biddulph, Staffs, Parish Church on Tuesday evening, October 22nd, when the Vicar (the Rev. S. Myers-Bridge), on behalf of the Vicar, churchwardens and bellringers, presented the conductor, Mr. Jonah Cottrell, with a Westminster chiming timepiece and candlesticks to match, on his completion of 40 years as a ringer at the above church. Mr. Cottrell has also been conductor for upwards of 25 years.

The Vicar, asking Mr. Cottrell to accept the gift, said he was pleased to be associated with it and to have in his church such a well-conducted bellringing. He congratulated Mr. Cottrell upon his leadership.

Mr. Cottrell, in expressing his great pleasure on receiving such a nice token, said he cherished the bells and his team. It was impossible to find a more willing or enthusiastic band of ringers anywhere, and he appealed to them all to pull together, he hoped, for as long a period as he had left to him.

There were present at the ceremony the Vicar, Messrs. J. Smith (Vicar's warden), T. Whalley (people's warden), James Stanway, W. Hazledine, J. Beech, A. Cottrell, P. Bradbury and Joseph Stanway (ringers).

A NEW SPLICE OF KENT AND OXFORD.

CRAYFORD RINGERS' 'TRY OUT.'

On Sunday, October 6th, a new 'splice' of Kent and Oxford was successfully tried out, when the band of St. Paulinus', Crayford, Kent (taking advantage of restoration work on their own tower), with a few friends, availed themselves of a long-standing invitation to spend a day with the Oxford ringers.

Scorning the inclination to spend an extra hour in bed after 'adjusting' the clocks overnight, the entire party arose with the lark (except one who had four miles to walk to the meeting place and rose with the owl instead), and boarded the coach at various points between 7 and 7.30 a.m. Being after September 30th, there was room to spare on the road, and Oxford was reached about 9.45 a.m.—45 minutes ahead of scheduled time! This happening gave some of the party a nasty shock to start off with, for, instead of waiting for the escort as arranged, a sound of 'raising in peal' caused a stampede to the tower of St. Mary Magdalene. So far, so good, and some were already on a rope when the appearance of the entire company brought forth a warning that the tower was 'no place for a lady,' so on went coats again (yes, some of the male members of Crayford band are a bit particular), and the stamped downstairs was almost as eager as the climb had been just before. Some of the more adventurous spirits did decide to chance it, but as Teddy's six-score of Grandsire came round in eight leads, there was evidently something wrong with the place. At 10.15 a.m. the familiar figure of Mr. W. H. B. Wilkins was seen turning toward St. Ebbe's, and assurances were soon forthcoming that the remaining towers in Oxford were quite fit to take the ladies to. So spirits rose again, and short touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman and Treble Bob on the miniature eight soon put matters right.

A few introductions and reunions filled the time till lunch, after which Mr. Wilkins kindly acted as escort to those who desired a brief survey of some of Oxford's notable buildings. Meanwhile the various tower officials arranged a programme for the visitors, which included St. Michael's at 5.15 (Plain Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise), St. Giles' at 5.50 (Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman), and then St. Mary's with the heavy six at 7.15, where Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob and Cambridge Minor made a grand finale to a most enjoyable day, during which, as can be seen from the methods rung, all tastes and abilities were catered for.

As this outing had had to be postponed and hurriedly rearranged, the visitors desire to record their sincere appreciation of the efforts made to entertain them and the successful manner in which such a programme was got out to fit in with the various services, four towers being a good bag for a weekday, and quite beyond expectations on Sunday. They also thank those conductors and local bands who so kindly and courteously stood aside and gave the visitors the free run of their towers, thereby giving some of the younger members who were on their first ringing outing a real idea of the brotherhood which exists among ringers who follow it wholeheartedly.

BUSY WEEK-END AT WATFORD.

WHERE THE BELLS ARE RUNG THREE TIMES ON SUNDAYS.

The local band at Watford Parish Church spent a busy week-end and rang a variety of methods for the harvest thanksgiving services. On Friday evening, October 4th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Paul 1, S. Hoare 2, H. Long 3, F. Bullock 4, C. Leman 5, R. Bell 6, H. Cashmore (conductor) 7, A. Dix 8. For morning service on Sunday, touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Bristol Surprise. For children's gift service in the afternoon, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Dix (first quarter-peal) 1, A. Brunton 2, F. Bullock 3, S. Hoare 4, A. Dix 5, F. Crook 6, R. Bell (conductor) 7, J. Horton 8. Two evening services are always held. For the first service, a quarter-peal of Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major (1,280 changes): W. Norris 1, W. Paul 2, A. Dix 3, A. Brunton 4, C. Leman 5, S. Hoare 6, R. Bell 7, H. Cashmore (conductor) 8. First quarter of Spliced Surprise on the bells and by ringers of 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. For the second service, half an hour of rounds and call changes for the learners. Watford must be one of a very few places where the bells are regularly rung three times every Sunday.

FIRST QUARTER PEALS.

As the result of ten months' efforts to create a change ringing band at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Holloway, two quarter-peals of Grandsire Triples have recently been rung. The first on Sunday, September 22nd: Miss C. Dixon (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Franks 2, R. Charge 3, R. Newman (first quarter-peal 'inside' on eight bells) 4, G. Charge 5, A. Turner (conductor) 6, F. Akers (first quarter-peal 'inside') 7, B. Brown 8. The second touch was on Sunday, October 13th: Miss L. Hilliard (first quarter-peal) 1, R. Charge 2, E. W. Pye 3, H. Franks 4, E. Molman 5, G. Charge 6, A. Turner (conductor) 7, A. E. Williams 8.

On October 17th at St. Mary's Church, Bridgwater, a quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles was rung, the first by all except the conductor: C. May 1, S. Russ 2, F. Greedy, sen. 3, E. Chapman 4, J. Elsworthy (conductor) 5, H. Emery 6. On the previous Sunday two 504's of Stedman Triples were rung, the first by the local band and the first by all except the conductor.

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SILVER JUBILEE OF EASTWOOD BELLS

Twenty-five years after the first peal on the bells of St. Stephen's, Eastwood, Rotherham, a peal of Stedman Triples was rung on October 19th as recorded elsewhere. Of those who took part, W. Bugar, S. F. Palmer and W. Biggin rang in the first peal at St. Stephen's 25 years ago. There is a difference of 50 years between the ages of Mr. Bugar and John J. L. Gilbert, who both rang in this silver jubilee peal.

The ringers of the anniversary peal were entertained to tea in the Church Hall by the local ringers, the Vicar (the Rev. W. C. Thomas) being present. After tea visitors and the local band took part in ringing Stedman Triples, Grandsire Caters and Bob Royal on hand-bells. This brought a close to a pleasant event, which will be one of the landmarks in the history of ringing at Eastwood Parish Church.

The bells were installed by Messrs. Warner and Sons in 1910, and were the gift of Sir Charles Stoddart, who was four times Mayor of Rotherham.

The first peal on Eastwood's bells was Stedman Triples, conducted by Mr. Clement Glenn, who was a regular ringer at Eastwood and conducted many peals in the tower.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION AT LEYTON.

The quarterly meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths was held at Leyton on Saturday, October 18th, and was attended by a good muster of members and friends. The bells were kept going in various methods during the afternoon, and a service was conducted by the Vicar. Although there were three curates present in addition, the Vicar expressed a wish that one of the officers of the society should read the lesson, and this was done most capably by the hon. secretary (Mr. G. A. Card).

The address was given by the curate, who urged his listeners to be punctual in their ringing and also regular in their attendance.

The organist was in attendance and accompanied the hymns, which were very heartily sung.

After the service the many items of interest in the church were pointed out and explained by the Vicar and curates. The visitors' book in the vestry was also signed by all.

A move was then made to the Old Vicarage Hall, where tea was partaken of.

The Vicar presided over the business meeting, at which votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for his enthusiastic welcome, and to the organist and curates for their attendance. Ringing was afterwards kept up till 9 o'clock, the meeting proving a great success.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

SOUTHGATE.—On Sunday, October 27th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major: A. R. Glascock 1, Mrs. N. A. Tomlinson (first quarter of London Surprise at first attempt) 2, W. Bowden 3, E. King 4, H. Miller 5, G. Plater 6, J. E. Miller 7, J. Armstrong (conductor) 8.

EXETER, DEVON.—At St. Thomas' Church on Sunday, October 20th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Rundle (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Howe 2, W. Wills 3, C. Hosgood (first quarter-peal on an 'inside' bell) 4, F. Wills 5, E. Hill 6, E. W. Biffin (conductor) 7, A. H. Goad 8.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, October 20th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): G. W. Faulkner 1, C. E. Faulkner 2, C. Feen (conductor) 3, E. G. Moore (first in the method) 4, F. C. Newman 5, S. J. Holgate 6, R. Feen 7, E. G. Cottis 8.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On Sunday, October 13th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples by the local band: J. E. Taylor 1, R. G. Taylor 2, J. D. Taylor 3, W. A. Cyster 4, G. W. Limmer (conductor) 5, B. T. Harrison 6, G. H. Limmer 7, G. A. Burgess (first quarter-peal) 8.

KENSINGTON.—At St. Mary Abbot's Church, on Sunday, October 13th, on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,269 changes) for the evening service: W. Madgwick 1, Mrs. P. Humphrey 2, W. E. Judd (conductor) 3, R. E. Mackrill 4, A. B. Wiffen 5, Miss F. Humphrey 6, C. Hunt 7, E. C. R. Turner 8, H. G. Miles 9, C. Warner 10.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.—For harvest festival on Sunday morning, October 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, 4,6,8 covering: J. Martin 1, S. Beck 2, F. Marchant 3, H. J. Hunt 4, F. C. Noakes 5, V. Wilkinson 6, F. J. Ewens (conductor) 7, Edwin Hunt 8.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.—On October 6th, for harvest festival evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: D. Carey 1, George Thorpe (first quarter-peal) 2, H. Warburton (first quarter-peal) 3, A. Robinson 4, W. Bingham 5, J. W. Sykes 6, G. M. Thorpe (conductor) 7, Miss Joan Dugdell 8. All are Sunday service ringers at the church.

EVERSHOT, DORSET.—On Sunday, September 29th, for harvest festival, 720 of Bob Minor: W. Ruttley 1, H. Smith 2, H. C. R. Vine 3, Mrs. H. Smith 4, H. Groves 5, H. D. W. Bishop (first 720 of Minor as conductor) 6. First 720 by a local band, and by ringers of 1, 4 and 5.

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BARROW-IN-FURNESS.—On Sunday evening at St. James' Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: J. Bagnall 1, F. C. Lamb 2, J. E. Burles (conductor) 3, J. Williams 4, S. Hyder 5, A. Stedman 6, C. J. A. Cushing 7, W. Pichall 8. W. Pichall was home on holiday from Bury.

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NOTICES.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Neots on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock in Church Room. Please advise Mr. H. Fields, St. Neots, for tea.—H. Parker, Dis. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at All Hallows', Tottenham, on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.30, 1s. to members, 1s. 6d. to non-members. All members and friends welcomed. Nearest station, Bruce Grove (L. and N.E.).—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Merrow, Saturday, November 2nd. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5.15. Nominations for district officers for 1936 must be made at this meeting.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's Church, Lytham, on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Crossens Parish Church, near Southport, on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells ready at 3 p.m.—Wm. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Madley on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30. Service 5.45 p.m. Tea, 6.15 p.m.—R. H. Stickley, Dis. Sec., The Lodge, Fownhope, Hereford.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Eckington (8 bells) on Saturday, November 2nd. For tea please notify Mr. Davies, White Hart Inn, Eckington, near Sheffield, without fail.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield 3.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Crowland on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Usual arrangements. Good bus service from Peterborough. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Wellington on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Nelson St. Philip on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—The next meeting will be held at Wisbech on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells (10) available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—Edward Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Thurleigh on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—Frank C. Tysoe, Bromham, Bedford.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Lincoln District will be held at Scothern on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. (Dunholme bells (6) also available.) Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Cade, Scothern.—H. Marcon, Hon. Dis. Sec., Ivanhoe, 17, Skellingthorpe Road, Lincoln.

NOVEMBER 2nd. Bushey Heath. Ringing from 3.30 till 5.30. Tea in Parish Hall and business meeting, Oxhey, 7 till 8.30. Station, Bushey. Coach service stop near church. Cheap tickets from all parts.—C. H. Horton, Bushey (City 4270).

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—November meetings—Nov. 3rd, St. Clement's, Sunday morning service ringing 10 a.m.; Mondays, 11th & 25th, practices 7.30 p.m., also at St. Clement Danes, Strand, 24th, St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, Sunday evening service ringing, 5.30 p.m. 26th; practice at St. Mary's, Lambeth, 8 p.m., 27th; combined practice, St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, 7.30 p.m.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Camberwell Station Road, S.E. 5.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on November 7th (8 p.m.), *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 12th (election night), St. Magnus' on the 14th and 28th, Southwark Cathedral on the 21st, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 26th at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 298th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, Nov. 9th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained up to Tuesday, Nov. 5th, from Messrs. C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, E. P. Duffield, E. Fenn, T. Groombridge, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, E. H. Lewis, F. M. Mitchell, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, C. W. Roberts, W. Rough-ton, A. Walker, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young or W. T. Cockerill, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4. Towers open for ringing from 2.30 to 4.30: St. Andrew's, Holborn; St. Clement Danes', Strand; St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. R. French, Rector of Stepney.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton and Wigan Branches.—The joint meeting arranged for October 26th has been postponed to Saturday, November 9th, at Leigh Parish Church. Bells available from 3 p.m. No business meeting.—P. Crook and W. O. Farrimond, Hon. Secs.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Burslem on Saturday, November 9th. Service at 4.45 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Will all who intend to be present please notify Mr. H. Box, 19, Brindley Street, Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent, not later than November 7th?—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arlesey, on Saturday, November 9th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. No excuse; good bus and train service. All will be welcome. Please come. Let us have a good meeting.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch, for Newport Pagnell Deanery.—November 9th, at Great Linford. 2.30 begin. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Please send notice to the Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Stoke-by-Clare on Saturday, November 9th. The six newly-hung bells will be available from 2.30. Tea (free to all sending me word by November 5th) in The Barn at 4.30. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, R.C., Chorley, on Saturday, November 9th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Meeting 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Epping Green on Saturday, November 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishops Stortford.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Worksop on Saturday, November 9th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Tea at local cafe.—C. R. Smith, Hon. Assist. Sec., 53, West Carr Road, Retford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Newnham-on-Severn, on Saturday, November 9th. Bells (8) open 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m., Victoria Hotel. Ringers who intend to have tea must let me know by Wednesday, November 6th, so that I can make arrangements for same.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 11, Victoria Road, Lydney, Glos.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the district will be held at Wollaton on Saturday, November 9th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—E. C. Gobey, 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancashire Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burton-in-Westmoreland on Saturday, November 9th. The bells (6) will be available from 2 p.m. Tea, price 1s. 3d., will be served at 4.30 p.m. in the School.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD (Kettering Branch) **AND LADIES' GUILD** (Northampton Branch).—A joint meeting will be held at Warkton (5 bells) on Saturday, November 9th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Kindly notify me if you require tea.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—(South and West District).—A meeting will be held at St. Lawrence's, Brentford, on Saturday, November 9th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.45, at Druce's Restaurant, High Street (1/- per head), with quarterly business meeting to follow. All ringers and friends welcome. Book [January 4th, 1936 (district supper at Heston).—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, November 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (6d. each) and meeting to follow. For tea notify Mr. T. Hesketh, 1, Mason Street, Woolton.—Claude I. Davies.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Dalton-in-Furness on Saturday, November 9th. Bells (10) will be ready at 2.30 p.m. Visitors will be welcome.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The opening and dedication of Thorpe-le-Soken bell frame and treble bell will take place on Saturday, November 9th. Dedication by the Bishop of Chelmsford. Special invitation has been received by secretary for all ringing members to attend. Tea will be provided. Will all those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible?—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Meeting will be held at Darfield on Saturday, November 9th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. For tea (1s. each) please notify Mr. T. Hilton, Stoneleigh, Barnsley Road, Darfield, near Barnsley, by Wednesday, 6th. All are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will take place at Todmorden Unitarian Church on Saturday, November 9th. Tower open 3 to 9 p.m. Business meeting in the tower at 6.30. Please make this a good meeting by turning up.—H. Hamer, 3, Nall Street, Milnrow.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Moulton on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Rev. J. M. Turner, Moulton, by Nov. 6th.—J. C. Dean, Branch Sec., 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—A combined meeting of the Maidstone District and the Guild will be held at Leeds (10 bells) on Saturday, November 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at the George Inn 5 p.m. Plenty of room in the belfry for a large gathering. Please send a card if you are coming.—A. Waddington, Malthouse Farm, Egerton; and P. Page, 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Hon. Secs.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at March, Cambs, on Saturday, November 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. A good number is hoped for. A welcome visit from Peterborough friends is wished. Please advise Mr. H. W. Giddings, 2a, Church Street, March, Cambs, for tea early, or F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Over, Cambs.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Hemel Hempstead, November 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Usual arrangements for service, tea and meeting. A postcard to let me know you are coming would help with arrangements. Everyone given a cordial welcome. Subscriptions are overdue.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Coalbrookdale (10) and Madeley (6) on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Service at Coalbrookdale at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me by Thurs., Nov. 14th.—H. G. Thomas, Hildon, Victoria Rd., Bridgnorth.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The annual meeting of this division will be held at Bocking on Saturday, November 16th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will

those intending to be present please notify me by Wednesday morning, the 13th? This is most essential.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Benhilton, Sutton, on Saturday, November 23rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at the Rendezvous Cafe. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, November 20th.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Will readers please note that Mr. W. B. Cartwright's house number, in Westhill Road, King's Norton, Birmingham, has been changed to 115?

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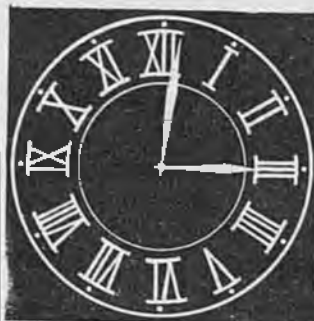
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