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UMPIRES FOR RECORD PEALS?

In 1902 the Central Council laid down as 'desirable' certain conditions which should be complied with 'in the case of a peal rung to surpass a previous peal.' One condition suggested is that not less than seven days' notice of the attempt shall be given in the Ringing Press, and that similar notice be sent to the conductor or, if he cannot be traced, to some other member of the band who rang in the peal which it is proposed to surpass, and also to the secretary of the Guild or Association under whose title the earlier peal was rung. Another condition relates to the lodging of a sealed copy of the composition with a responsible officer of the Guild or Association under whose title the band is to ring.

When these conditions were laid down the records in mind were those of increasing lengths in various methods, and they are quite wise provisions. There is, and can be, nothing compulsory about them, but a band that claimed to have rung a record length without, at least, having given notice of its intention would run the risk of having doubts thrown upon its record. But ringers have accepted the conditions of the Council as fair and reasonable when one band seeks to wrest laurels from another, and they have been generally acted upon. Their desirability and purpose is obvious.

Since these conditions were framed, however, a new form of 'record breaking' has developed. 'Spliced' ringing has its own records, not of length, but of intricacy and, in Minor, as we have seen in the last year or so, there has been a rapid advance in the number of methods included in the normal peal lengths of 5,040 changes. Records in this direction are being rapidly broken, and it has led Mr. C. T. H. Bradley, who has himself taken part in peals in many methods, to suggest the application of the Council's conditions for record peals, at any rate so far as it relates to prior notification, to these performances on six bells. The Council's conditions say nothing about 'length,' but refer, as we have pointed out, to 'a peal rung to surpass a previous peal.' So that without any amendment the provisions can be easily made to apply to any form of peal record.

The utility of their application to a multi-method peal, however, is dubious. We doubt if there is any ringer with a sufficiently acute ear to say, merely by listening, whether six or ten or twelve or fifteen methods have been rung in a 720, and unless the listener is able to do this his presence as a guarantee of the peal's accuracy is wasted. From this point of view, indeed, there is less need for a 'listener' than for the ordinary peal. You cannot juggle easily with the composition of those extents which include a large number

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of methods and expect to get the bells round at the end of the 720. You might ring it, say, in two methods, instead of in eight, but it is hardly likely, even if the conductor were dishonest enough to 'try it on,' that all the rest of the band would acquiesce in what, after all, would be cheating, and from which they would get no possible satisfaction.

That opens up the question whether, if there is to be any check at all, it would not be better in peals of such complicated construction to have an 'umpire' in the tower, with the figures before him, as used always to be the case and is still sometimes done for handbell peals. This, we think, is the only practicable method of imposing a check on what is rung, but just as the Exercise has come to recognise that even in handbell ringing the honour of the band can be trusted, so in Spliced Minor peals the integrity of the ringers can be accepted. Unless the whole band deliberately sets itself out to hoodwink and cheat the Exercise there is not the slightest risk, we think, of peals in a large number of methods being 'cooked,' while, we imagine, it would be almost impossible to ring a peal so complex as one in sixty methods which was full of trips or so badly struck as not to be worthy of record.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 9, 1936, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes, AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5320 CHANGES;

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CHARLES H. SONE	7	reble	THOMAS E. SONE	 	6
PERCY SPICE			ALBERT E. JARMAN	 ***	7
H. RICHARD FRENCE	***		LUTHER J. HONESS	 	8
FREDERICK G. BRETT			GEORGE KENWARD	***	
PERCY PAGE		5	A. PATRICK CANNON	 T	eno.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE, * 50th peal. The composition, No. 205, is rung for the first time.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, August 15, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF G	HAI	4 DO	Inc	GATERS, SUIS CHANGES	3 ;	
HENRY GOODMAN	We.	T	reble	WILLIAM DAVIES		б
WILLIAM GREEN	***		2	HERBERT SEEPPARD	441	7
HARRY HUBBALL		***	3	CHARLES W. COOPER		8
JOEN GOODMAN			4	NORMAN G. LEBCH	100	9
RONALD GOODMAN		***	5	GILBERT GUEST		Teno:
Composed by B. I.	BALC	DES.		Conducted by John Goo	DMA	N.

* First peal on ten bells and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, also to Miss G. Goodman, daughter of the ringer of the treble. Also rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Green, of Old Hill, and the marriage of Miss M. Sheppard, daughter of the ringer of the seventh, to Mr. D. Secker.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 1, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

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ROBERT SPERRING		7	reble	JAMES SWINDLEY			5
				JAMES MORGAN			
FRED HARTMAN			3	HARRY PIR	***	***	7
JOHN HAVES	***	***	4	PERCY SWINDLEY		7	Геног

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by P. SWINDLEY. Mufflers, Ringing Mats, Matting, Flag Lines, etc., etc. | * First peal of Bob Major 'inside.' † First peal of Boh Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

ON LINE DEL GEOGRAFI	
CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.	WISTANSTOW, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.	THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, August 2, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.	On Saturday, August 8, 1936, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,	AT THE CHURCE OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANCES;	A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 131 cwt.	PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 10 cwt.
MISS FLORRIE WYMAN Treble CECIL NICE 5	CHARLES L. SADLER Treble WILLIAM J. BENIAMS 5
ACK M. CRIPPS 2 KENNETE SNELLING 6	WILLIAM H. SYMONDS 2 EDWARD V. RODENBURST 6
EDWARD J. CHARMAN 3 Nelson Elliott 7 Oliver Sippeits 4 Wilfred Williams Tenor	*FREDERICK PRICE 3 WILLIAM POSTON 7
Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by W. Williams.	JOHN J. WEBE 4 ARTHUR C. NASON Tenor Conducted by W. Poston,
Composed by C. W. Moberts. Conducted by W. Williams.	* First peal of Triples.
SALEHURST, SUSSEX.	HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION,	THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
On Monday, August 3, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.	On Saturday, August 8, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,	At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;	A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
Tenor 16% cwt.	Tenor 12 cwt.
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER Treble NELSON ELLIOTT 5	JACK BRAY Treble FREDERICK W. STOKES 5
OLIVER SIPPETTS 2 C. ERNEST SMITH 6 ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 3 FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7	MRS. J. BRAY 2 JOBN WALDHN 6
KENNETH SNELLING 4 WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor	CHARLES McGuiness 3 George E. Feirn 7
Composed by Sam Thomas. Conducted by W. Williams,	HAROLD MARCON 4 WALTER AYRE Tenor
First peal in the method on the belis.	Composed by G. H. Cross. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
	SCUNTHORPE, LINCS.
CHEPSTOW, MONMOUTHSHIRE.	THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.	On Tuesday, August 11, 1936, in Three Hours and One Minute,
On Monday, August 3, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,	AT THE CEDRCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,	A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;	PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 184 cwt.
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 21 cwt.	FRED LACY Treble HAROLD JUDD 5
CHARLES L. SADLER Treble JOHN J. WEBB 5	MRS. J. BRAY 2 ERNEST BRITTAIN 6
H. ERNEST COX 2 ALFRED T. POULTON 6 WILLIAM H. SYMONDS 3 WILLIAM POSTON 7	*ARNOLD ARMITAGE 3 WALTER AYRE 7
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS 3 WILLIAM POSTON 7 GEORGE CORNWALL 4 HARVEY H. WINNEY Tenor	JACK BRAY 4 ‡WILLIAM EMMANS Tenor Conducted by JACK BRAY.
Conducted by W. Posron.	* First of Triples 'inside.' † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal.
Conducted by 11, 1 031011,	Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Marjorie Walling and Mr.
BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.	Frank Lord, the captain of the local company.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.	LITTLEPORT, OAMBRIDGESHIRE.
Un Monday, August 3, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.	THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLIYD,	On Thursday, August 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;	AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.	A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
*JOHN EMM Treble ROYDEN DAVIES 5	Tenor 18 cwt.
*JOHN EMM Treble ROYDEN DAVIES 5 JOHN A. EVANS 2 *GEORGE MEADE 6	Tenor 18% cwt. James Quinney Treble Francis G. Gleaves 5
*JOHN EMM	Tenor 18% cwt. James Quinney Treble Francis G. Gleaves 5 Miss K. Willers 2 T. Reginald Dennis 6
*JOHN EMM	Tenor 181 cwt. James Quinney Treble Francis G. Gleaves 5 Miss K. Willers 2 JOHN W. WARD 3 T. Reginald Dennis 6 Ernest G. Hibbins 7
*JOHN EMM	Tenor 184 cwt. James Quinney Treble Francis G. Gleaves 5 Miss K. Willers 2 T. Reginald Dennis 6
*JOHN EMM	Tenor 18% cwt. James Quinney Treble Francis G. Gleaves 5 Miss K. Willers 2 JOHN W. WARD 3 REGINALD LATHBURY 4 T. REGINALD DENNIS 7 FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor
*JOHN EMM	Tenor 18½ cwt. James Quinney Treble Francis G. Gleaves 5 Miss K. Willers 2 T. Reginald Dennis 6 John W. Ward 3 Ernest G. Hibbins 7 Reginald Lathbury 4 Frank Warrington Tenor Composed by N. J. Pitstow, Conducted by Frank Warrington. Mr. E. G. Hibbins' 150th peal. CRAYFORD, KENT.
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*JOHN EMM	Tenor 18½ cwt. James Quinney
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THE RINGING WORLD. 544 NOTTINGHAM. THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. On Thur:day, August 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes, AT THE CHURCE OF ST. PETER, A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; Tenor 21 cwt. in E. *Walter Nichols Treble | Frank Bradley 5 John E. Hobbs 2 | J. Alfred Barratt 6 JOHN E. HOBBS 2 WILLIAM THORNLEY, SEN. 3 FRANK W. BROWN ... 4 Composed by J. H. PILEINGTON. Z. J. ALFRED BARRATT ... 6 RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 7 FREDERICK A. SALTER Conducted by FREDK. A. SALTER * First peal of Major. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the 58 men who lost their lives in the Barnsley mine ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE. THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. On Saturday, August 15, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES; Tenor 18% cwt. (approx.). HERBERT COLE Treble | FRED C. GINN FRED C. GINN 5 ARTHUR J. GINN 6 BERRY WAYMAN ... 2 E. JACK PARISH 3 MANSFIELD GINN MANSFIELD GINN 7 FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... Composed and Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON. Mr. Cole belongs to the local company. This was his second peal, his first having been rung 13 years ago. BRAMLEY, YORKS. and R. G. Beck. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. On Saturday, August 15, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF	OXFORD	TREBLE	BOB	MAJOR,	5024	CHANGES;
		Tenor 1	2 cwt.			

"MISS CONSTANCE M. WADE Treble	THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY 5
OHN WILLIAM T. HOLGATE 2	FRANK RAYMENT 6
•Reggie Greaves 3	JOSEPH THACKRAY 7
SAM HELLIWELL 4	GEORGE W. STEEL Tenor
Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.	Conducted by T. W. STRANGEWAY
	are to be congratulated on the way
	to congratulate the ringer of the
second, who is in his 76th year.	

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. On Saturday, August 15, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

		T	enor :	10½ cwt.			
CHARLES CAMM		7	reble	JOHN HALL			5
JAMES HEMMING		**	2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	***	***	6
"MISS AMY R. JOHNS	ON		3	* JOSEPH E. NEWMAN			7
RALPE HARRIS			4	THOMAS W. LEWIS		7	enor
Composed by Group	E W	TILLI	AMS.	Conducted by JOSEPH	D.	она	NSON
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members of the association—Miss Maggie J. Johnson to Mr. Arthur J. Martin—which took place at the above church earlier in the day.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 15, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*WALTER E. LAYZELL Tyeble	HARRY R. ROPER 5
†MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER 2	CHARLES E. SHEMMINGS 6
I WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 7
CHARLES CLARK 4	FREDERICK J. SMITH Tenor
Composed by G. LINDOFF. Con	ducted by WILLIAM J. G. BROWN.
* First peal of Major, † First	peal of Treble Bob. First peal in
the method as conductor.	

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SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW. NORFOLK. THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 1, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW A PEAL OF MINOR, 5048 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, comprising 720 each of Cambridge Surprise and Double Court, combined 380's of Thelwall and Childwall Bob, Double Oxford and St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob, and 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 16 ib. in F.

TONY PRICE Treble | FRED WIGMORE 4 LEWIS BUSH 2 CLAUDE COUSINS 5
WALLACE COUSINS 3 REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... Tenor
Conducted by Rev. C. E. WIGG.

Arranged for the conductor, who was on holiday in the district.

MARSTON BIGGOTT, SOMERSET THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. On Saturday, August 1, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Cambridge Surprise, one of Single Court, two of Oxford Bob and two of Plain Bob.

WILLIAM J. SHERBORNE ... Treble | †EDWIN H. NASH "RAYMOND W. RHYMER ... 2 | FREDERICK A. TA FREDERICK A. TARGETT ... 5
RONALD G. BECK ... Tenor JOHN E. METCALFE ... 3

Conducted by R. G. Beck.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Rung as a hirthday compliment to Mr. Joseph T. Dyke, general hon. secretary of the association,

HINDERCLAY, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, August 3, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5840 CHANGES; Being 720 of Double Court and two 720's each of Plain Bob. Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. RONALD F. MOLE Treble PERCY L. JOHNSON 4
HERBERT C. FORDHAM ... 2
WILLIAM C. ROMSEY 3
GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

OMSEY ... 3 GARNEAM A. BLAXC Conducted by GARNEAM A. BLAXCELL.

KEYSOE, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. On Saturday, August 8, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes, AT THE CHURCE OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 6048 CHANGES;

Being 21 six-scores each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. GEORGE SETH Treble ERNEST ASQUE 3
HENRY W. GAYTON ... 2 DONALD COCKINGS 4 HENRY STAPLETON ...Tenor

HENRY STAPLETON Tenor Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

First peal on the hells.

MAIDEN NEWTON, DORSET. THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 8, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's. Reverse Canterbury and three different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10% cwt.

HAROLD C. R. VINE Treble H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ... 4
HUBBERT SMITH 2 WILLIAM C. SHOTE 5 *Hobert Smith 2 †George H. Whitemore ... 3

Minor methods.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. On Saturday, August 8, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5840 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, 11 callings. Tenor 121 cwt. Conducted by B. G. Kev.

* First peal of Doubles, + First peal of Stedman Doubles. The treble ringer has now rung Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Salurday, August 8, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

"R. J. CARLTON (aged 14) Treble	CHARLES L. SMITE	4
†ARCHIBALD J. KAY 2	WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD	5
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD 3		Tenor
Conducted by E	Daniel C. Daniel	

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Rung to celebrate the 90th birthday of Mr. G. Paine, a foundation member of the association, and the 23rd birthday of his granddaughter, Miss J. Baker, whose birthdays occurred on the above date. It was also as a compliment to Mr. H. J. Castle, who reached the age of 75 the previous Wednesday.

BRIZE NORTON, OXON. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On ; unday, August 9, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRITIUS, A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Tenor 8 cwt.

NOBLE SPINDLOW	Treble	FRANCIS E, TAYLOR	4
SYDNEY TAYLOR	2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG	5
		WILLIAM A. STOTE	Teno
Con	ducated has	C C T	

First peal on the bells in more than one method.

BURTON STATHER, LINCS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mordov, August 10, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5840 CHANGES; Seven different extents

*HAROID JUDD Trebl	JACK BRAY	***		4
GEORGE E FEIRN 2	ERNEST BRITTAIN			5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 3	WALTER AYRE		7	eno
Canduated by	. 337			

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

First peal of Minor. † First Surprise peal. First Surprise peal on the bells.

EXHALL, WARWICKSHIRE. THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

O . Monday, August 10, 1936, in Two Hours and Therty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

fenor 64 cwt.

FRANK W. PERRENS Treble MALCOLM C. C. MELVILLE 2 JOHN W. TAYLOR 3	IOSEPH H. W. WHITE	5
Conducted by Man	FRANK E. PHRVIN	I eno:

Conducted by Frank W. Perrens.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Allen Sauders, for 35 years churchwarden at St. Giles', Exhall.

MONK BRETTON, YORKSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

(BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.) Un Thursday, August 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCE OF ST. PAUL-THE-APOSTLE.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 cach of Capel, Sandal, College Exercise, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

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WILLIAM BRAMBAM	 7	rebls	ARTHUR GILL				Δ
WILFRED TIBBLE			GRORGE LORD			•••	
ARTHUR PANIER	 	3	DANIEL SMITE	***	***	7	(eno

* First peal 'inside.' Rung with the bells deeply muffled in sympathy with the relatives of those who lost their lives in the Wharn-cliffe Woodmoor colliery disaster.

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On Wednesday, August 12, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising one extent each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Plain, Cambridge Surprise and Keut and Oxford Treble Bob.

CHARLES SMITE Treble | †HARRY R. ROPER 4
*MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER 2 | CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 5
*FRANK E. WISEMAN ... 3 | WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... Teno. MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER 2 *FRANK E. WISEMAN ... 3

Conducted by WILLIAM J. G. BROWN.

* First peal in seven methods and first attempt. † First attempt for a peal of Minor.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 15, 1936, in 7 wo Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5840 CHANGES; Being seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt, 17 lb. in F.

*LESSIE W. JARVIS Treble | FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN... 4
ALBERT RBLFE 2
*ARTHUR F. LEWRY 3
ALFRED W. DURHAM ... Tent

Conducted by A. W. DURBAM.

* First peal in the method, it being the first Surprise peal by the ringers of the treble and 3rd, and the first 'inside' by the 5th. The two latter ringers' 25th peal together.

CHARTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 15, 1936, in I wo Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

FREDERICK G. BRETT Treble | LUTHER J. HONESS 4 GEORGE KENWARD ... 5
A. PATRICK CANNON Tano TOM SAUNDERS 2
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 3

Conducted by A. P. CANNON. First peal on the bells, which are the oldest peal in the county.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

(ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, BURNHAM, BUCKS.)

On Saturday, August 15, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and 720 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob (Treble Bob and Plain rung alternately). Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in G.

BRYAN O'NEIL (age 15) ... Treble | *JAMES D. TAYLOR (age 16) George H. Limmer ... 5 George Gilbert 7 enor ... 2 GORDON W. LIMMER JOHN E. TAYLOR (age 15) .. 3 Conducted by GEO GILBERT.

* First peal in more than three plain methods. First peal by the St. Peter's Society in more than three plain methods. The conductor's 350th peal.

SUTTON, MACCLESFIELD. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. (MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 15, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of seven 720's in 20 methods: (1) Newdigate, Marple and Willesden Delight; (2) Old Oxford and College Bob IV. Delight; (3) Charlwood, Braintree and Wragby Delight; (4) Neasden and St. Albans Delight (5) Ockley, Morning Star, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob; (6) Oxford, Capel and Kingston Treble Bob; (7) Sandal and London Scholars' Pleasure Treble Bob. Tenor 121 cwt.

*STANLEY NOBLE... ... Treble | *MISS E. M. K. FETHERS ... 4
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 2
*THOMAS TAYLOR 3

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in spliced methods. † First peal in spliced methods away from treble. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Fethers.

BENINGTON, LINCS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. (EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 15, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

- Seven 720's in 42 methods, viz:—
 (1) Duke of Norfolk, Ockley, Norbury, College Exercise and Morning Star Treble Bob.
- Cambridge, Ipswich, Norfolk, Primrose, Hull and Bourne Surprise. Neasden, Wragby, Charlwood, St. Albans, Humber and Braintree Delight.
- (4) Sandal, Capel, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure and Oxford Treble Bob and Wath and Carisbrooke Delight.
 Old Oxford, Willesden, College Bob IV., Newdigate, Taxal and
- (5) Old Oxford, Winesden,
 Marple Delight.

 (6) London Bob, Lytham, Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's,
 Childwall, College Single and Wavertree.

 (7) Hereward, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Single Court.
 Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE W. BURRELL	l'reble	HARVEY E. BURRELL	4
ARTHUR YOUNG	2	VERNON TAYLOR	5
HAROLD BARSLEY	3	CYRIC R. BURRELL	Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL R. BURRELL.

There were 161 changes of method. First peal in 42 methods as

HANDBELL PEALS.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCS. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. On Sunday, August 2, 1936, in One Hour and Fifey-Eight Minutes, AT 42, WESTFIELD ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES; Forty-two extents. Tenor size 13 in G.

James W. Goddard ... 1-2 | Walter M. Goddard ... 3-4

*Alison M. Goddard ... 5-6

Conducted by W. M. GODDARD.

* First peal. Rung as a thanksgiving and a welcome home to David, son of the conductor and brother of the other ringers, after a lengthy period in hospital.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCS. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. On Sunday, August 2, 1936, in Two Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT 42, WESTFIELD ROAD. A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13 in G. Being seven extents. ... 1-2 DEREK M. SHARP 3-4 WALTER M. GODDARD JAMES W. GODDARD ... 5-6 Conducted by JAMES W. GODDARD.

* First peal of Minor 'in hand.' First peal as conductor.

KENSINGTON, LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 7, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes, IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARY ABBOT'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 8043 CHANGES;

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 1-2 | WILLIAM E. JUDD 5-6
WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 3-4 | ERNEST C. 5. TURNER ... 7-8
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 9-10

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TORNER. Umpire-Henry G. Miles.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. On Friday, August 14, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes, AT GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13 in E. MRS. R. RICHARDSON 1-2 ROGER D. St. J. SMITH ... 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON 3-4 RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 7-8 Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

* First peal of Bob Major with an 'inside' pair. + First peal of Major 'in hand.'

FOR BEGINNERS.

MORE VARIATIONS OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB.

Some wonderful performances in the way of method splicing have been occupying attention lately. Method splicing is beyond the scope of these articles, but there must be ringers who are able to ring Kent or Oxford Treble Bob who would like to get on to this more advanced stage of ringing, and, therefore, some explanation of other methods, which they must, of course, learn before they can splice them, may be helpful.

Methods which will splice into true 720's are mainly those which Methods which will spice into true 720's are mainly those which contain the same changes in a lead or in a plain course, but contain them, of course, in a different order—otherwise they would not be different methods. Sometimes the difference in them is only between the leads, when, in one, second's place is made, and in the other sixth's place. Sometimes the difference is only when the treble lies its whole pull behind. In one method this may be accompanied by one hell leading a whole pull; in another method by a hell making fifth's place. All that happens in such cases is that the rows forming the method are shunted into a different lead the method are shunted into a different lead.

This was well illustrated in our article of three weeks ago, when we endeavoured to describe the differences between Oxford Troble Bob, Sandal Treble Bob and Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob.

But in addition to this 'shunt,' produced by the introduction of 5th's place, or 2nd's place, or both, there are other methods which produce the same rows in a different order by, for instance, placemaking in 3-4 instead of dodging and an accompanying change-over of the bells working together in 1-2.

Just examine this for instance. Here are three methods allied to

Just examine this, for instance. Here are three methods allied to Oxford Treble Bob and producing the same rows, but when the treble is in 5-6 the following variations are made:-

Oxford	Capel	Kingston	London Scholars' Pleasure
263514	263514	263514	263514
625341	623541	623541-	625341
623514	265314	265314	265314
265341	263541	625341	623541
256431	625341	263541	265341

In continuing the method, remember that below the line there will be places made corresponding to those above the line. We have not inserted them, because we want our readers to prick them out for themselves. When they have done so, they will find that the eight rows are alike in each of the last three methods, and, if they will go a step further, they will find the four missing rows in Oxford in the lead beginning 164523.

But we want those who are interested in this subject to go still further. Oxford Treble Bob has been explained (see 'Ringing World' nor only olst), and if its construction is understood, there should be no difficulty in writing out a lead of each of the other three methods given here and learning them all. Except in the work when the troble is behind, and which is shown above, there is no difference between them and Oxford. for July 31st), and if its construction is understood, there should be

Here, then, is the opportunity for adding to the repertoire, and these with Sandal and Duke of Norfolk, also dealt with in the same article as Oxford, you have a group of methods which, when you get a little more advanced, you can couple up in twos or threes or in what number you like to make a 720; that is, as far as the ringing of them is concerned. Your conductor, however, will have to be careful what composition he uses, if he wants a true extent.

TRUE 720'S OF BOB MINOR.

And now to answer an inquiry sent us by 'Learning Conductor,' This is what he says: 'I called a 720 of Plain Bob Minor with the 3rd bell to run In twice and Make the Bob, five times repeated. I put the single half-way, when the 2nd was making 2nd's place, the 4th was 3rd's place, and out, and the 3rd made 4th's and In. Is this false? I have been told I should have put the single when 2 and 3 were declaimed at the back in 5.8'. were dodging at the back in 5-6.1

With the calling adhered to in the way 'Learning Conductor' explains, the bells would not come round at the end, because the singles reverse different pairs of bells.

Has he got his facts quite right? He does not say where he called the second single, and we can only presume he put it at the end. If the first single comes half-way, there is no place for the second single, except at the end, without getting a repetition.

Calling the 3rd twice In and to make the Bob in that order in the second half prevents the single being put at a plain lead as it was in the first half, and the hells could not come round, but if the calling had been reversed (Make the Boh and twice In), then 4 and 3; which were reversed at a plain lead by the first single, could be turned back again at the end with another single to bring the bells round.

Our correspondent could put the singles in as was suggested to him. In that form it produces a true 720 without disturbing the 3rd. Any true 380 of Bob Minor, produced entirely by bobs, can be converted into a 720 by calling two singles, as long as the singles are at plain leads and are 360 changes apart.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT SWAVESEY.

A meeting of the Central Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association was held at Swavesey, Cambs, on August 1st. Ringing commenced early in the afternoon and continued until about 8 p.m., good practice taking place. The methods rung included London, Cambridge, Norwich and York Surprise, Woodbine and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain

An informal meeting was held, Miss K. Willers being elected to the chair.

The belfry election of the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg was confirmed. The meeting agreed that the next place to be visited should be

Haddenham.

Visitors were present from Chelmsford and Dersingham.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

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HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Sunday, July 26th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss O. Biggs 1, R. Biggs (conductor) 2, R. Blaby 3, F. G. Biggs 4, A. G. Janes 5, H. W. Shadrack 6, A. Newton 7, V. Evans 8. Arranged for H. W. Shadrack, who was on a visit from Danbury, Essex.

BISHOP'S CANNINGS, WILTS.—On Sunday, August 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: T. Merritt 1, W. Mortimer 2, S. Grant 3, G. Winter (conductor) 4, E. Stevens 5, S. Hillier 6, F. Green 7, G. Oram 8. Specially arranged to-enable the Vicar of Parkstone to hear this fine peal of bells. He was in charge of the parish while the Rev. Sharp is on holiday, and, after the ringing, came to the belfry and congratulated the ringers.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—At St. Mary's Church on August 9th, for the morning service, 720 of Doubles, being 240 each of Grandsire, St. Simon's and Plain Bob: K. G. Carlton 1, A. J. Lancefield (conductor) 2, E. S. Ruck 3, C. L. Smith 4, W. J. Lancefield 5, H. G. Carlton 6.

Carlton 6.
NETHERTON. — On Sunday, August 9th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. W. Smith 1, S. Prestidge 2, A. Prestidge, sen., 3, T. A. Townsend 4, H. Hubball 5, William Davies 6, Alfred Davies (conductor) 7, J. W. Davies 8.
CHATTERIS, CAMES. — At the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul on Hospital Sunday, August 16th, for afternoon service, 720 Kent Treble Bob (15 bobs): P. A. Smith 1, A. R. Paul (first in method) 2, W. Young 3, A. J. Abrams 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, W. Seekings 6. For evensong, 720 Cambridge Surprise: P. A. Smith 1, W. Young 2, D. Paul (first of Surprise) 3, E. Wakeling 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, W. Seekings 6.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHERN BRANCH.

A meeting of the Grimsby District was held at Burton-on-Stather, and, although the weather was not too good, brought a very nice gathering together. The handy peal of six was made good use of by the members from Bigby, Grimsby, Scunthorpe, Waltham, Ulceby and the local band, Mr. and Mrs. Bramwell, of Goxhill, and ringing friends from Lincoln and Treeton. It was also something of a red letter day for the ringers, for it was the first ringing meeting held in the new Parish Hall in the new Parish Hall

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. M. Hadley), who gave a very hearty welcome to the members and an interesting address. Mr. H. Rushby presided at the organ.

In the Parish Hall a splendid tea was served, ringers' wives and friends doing the catering in fine style and 38 sitting down.

The business meeting followed, presided over by the president (the Ven. Archdeacon Parry).

The collection for the district bell fund amounted to 10s. 9d.

New members elected were: H. S. Sutton, of Alford, P. Barnes and F. Jeffery, of Burton-on-Stather, and W. Emmans, of Scunthorpe. Mr. C. McGuiness proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the hearty welcome, for conducting the service and for his address, to

Mr. Rushby for presiding at the organ, and to the ladics for providing such a splendid tea.—This was seconded by Mr. M. Walker and supported by the president.—The Vicar suitably responded.

Members then turned to the hells again and enjoyed further ringing.

PEAL BOARD UNVEILED.

A peal board, recording a peal of 5,040 changes of Grandsire Doubles rung on June 29th, 1936, was unveiled at St. Nicholas' Church belfry, Newington, Hythe, Kent, on Thursday, Angust 6th, by Miss Daisy Harden. The peal was rung as a welcome to Lt.-Col. and Lady Miles, and the names of the following members of the Kent Association appear on the record: W. C. Chandler treble, F. A. Slingsby 2, C. Turner (conductor) 3, F. T. Harden 4, J. Bartter 5, A. R. Longhurst

BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.—At the Parish Church for evensong on Sunday, August 16th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. Bishop 1, W. Nipper 2, T. Timms 3, W. Dixon 4, R. Hudson 5, R. Jarvis 6, F. Soden (conductor) 7, G. Faulkner 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. Fred Wilford, late Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, who has been seriously ill, is, we are glad to say, making slow but steady progress towards recovery.

St. John the Baptist, Margate, bells will be broadcast at 7.55 p.m. on Sunday.

The first peal on the bells at Chartham, Kent, was rung on Saturday. Chartham bells are the oldest ring in the county. The back five were cast by Joseph Hatch in 1605 and the treble by Samuel Knight in 1728. They were retuned and rehung in 1925, the 'go' being excellent. Owing to the excessive noise in the ringing room, a peal on these bells had been previously deemed almost impossible.

Mr. John William T. Holgate, who rang in the peal of Oxford Major at Bramley, Yorks, on Saturday, is in his 76th year, and has not done any regular ringing for about nine years.

Mr. G. W. Steere informs us that he has not yet completed Plain Bob from Major to Maximus on tower and handbells as mentioned in this column last week. He still has to ring a peal of Bob Maximus on tower bells.

In the report of the peal of Grandsire Doubles at Hartfield on August 5th, published in our last issue, the name of the ringer of the 3rd should read David Cornford instead of Winford as printed.

A SURREY PEAL BEING RECAST.

CHIDDINGFOLD BELLS TO BE INCREASED IN WEIGHT.

The ring of eight bells at Chiddingfold Parish Church, Surrey, is being recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel. The weight of the peal is to be increased from 11 cwt. tenor to 12½ cwt. tenor in P sharp.

The ancient pre-Reformation fifth bell is being retained and hung 'dead' as the minute bell, and her place in the peal will be taken by an entirely new bell, dedicated 'To the glorious memory of the reign of His Majesty King George V.'

The peal will be rehung on modern engineering lines, and it is hoped that it will be ready for dedication in October.

THE ABRIDGED PEAL OF TREBLE BOB.

FALSE IN ANOTHER FORM.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I regret I have to withdraw a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rung at Claines on May 9th, 1936, for the Worcestershire and Districts Association.

The composition, by F. Robinson, was shortened to 5,056, not by inserting a call in the middle course, but by omitting Middle, Before and 1 Wrong in the last course of each of two parts.

Nevertheless, as either way is false, I tender my apologies to the band for accepting the figures, given to me in all good fait has correct.

G. E. LARGE.

Hawford, Worcester.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHRIST CHURCH, JARROW, BELLS UNSAFE.

A meeting of the Eastern District was held at Jarrow on Saturday, August 8th, ringers being present from West Hartlepool, Sunderland, Gateshead, Newcastle, Fennam and the local tower. It was regretted that Christ Church tower is unsafe for ringing, but the peal of six at St. Peter's were kept going during the afternoon and evening.

A very happy party sat down to tea, after which a short meeting was held, presided over by Mr. R. L. Patterson, vice-president.

After the loyal toast, the Chairman welcomed Mr. C. L. Routledge to the district, and said it was a pleasure to see the old stalwarts at district meetings. It was a great help to the officials.

Mr. Routledge said it was indeed a great pleasure to him to be present and to see that all seemed to be having a very good time. He thanked the local clergy for the use of the bells and sympathised with the Rector of Christ Church in not being able to have his bells

Mr. G. S. Taylor said that as this was the last district meeting before the annual meeting, he proposed that Mr. R. L. Patterson be again nominated as vice-president, or, in case the new rules were passed, that he be chairman of the Eastern District and that Mr. F. Robson he again nominated secretary.

Mr. Turnbull (Jarrow) seconded, and the proposition was carried with acclamation.

The tower was again visited after the meeting, the methods rung being Stedman Doubles, Bob and Kent Minor, Oxford, Double Court and Cambridge Minor. Great enthusiasm was shown at the meeting and there is no doubt that the Eastern District will have to try to hold more meetings in the coming ringing year-all had spent such a

BLESSING OF UFFORD CHURCH BELLS

ANCIENT CEREMONY AT SUFFOLK CHURCH.

So often nowadays the blessing of new bells for churches cannot be So often nowadays the blessing of new bells for churches cannot be conveniently arranged. A modern foundry, with perhaps 50 rings of bells on hand at once, has to work strictly to a time table, and if the workmen on one job are held up for a few days while a ceremony is being arranged, it may mean that a number of other places have the work for them delayed also. However, at Ufford all difficulties were overcome, and on Saturday, the Feast of Title of the church, a congregation had gathered from all parts of the country. High Mass was first sung at 11 o'clock, the Rector (the Rev. Herbert Drake) being the celebrant, Canon Powell deacon, and Father E. W. Porter, of Rushmere, sub-deacon. Fr. Robertson, of Capel, and Mr. Bernard Barrell, of Ipswich, as cantors, sang the service, and Fr. Hargrave-Thomas, of Needham, did full justice to the beautiful organ of this fine Suffolk church. fine Suffolk church.

Immediately the service was ended, procession was made to the outside of the west door, where the bells, which had been well decorated by different members of the congregation, were arranged in a semi-circle. Three of the bells are of pre-Reformation date, and had been already blessed and named. One of these cannot be made to fit in with the others, and, like an 'emeritus' official, who has finished his work, will find a resting place inside the church. This bell ('Margaret') was placed behind the others at the entrance to the tower. It was the old fourth. The other old bells are the sixth ('Katherine') and the tenor ('John'). The three smallest bells were modern and have been recast, and, with a new fourth, there are four new bells. The fifth, cast by John Darbie in 1686, and the seventh, by Thomas Osborne in 1799, had not been named, and were included in the ceremony. in the ceremony.

The proper minister for the blessing of a church bell is a Bishop. But the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich was on the point of starting for his holiday, and his Suffragan, the Bishop of Dunwich, was still away. The Rev. Canon Claude Powell, Vicar of St. Bartholomew's, Ipswich, therefore acted as deputy, and performed the ceremony. During the procession to and from the altar, Psalms 145 and 150 were sung, including the invocation to the 'land cymbals,' which ringers like to interpret as church bells.

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The bells were first plentifully sprinkled (almost washed) with holy water, and then followed the first of three beautiful prayers taken from ancient sources. The bells were then anointed in turn with the right thumb and named. At the first bell (the treble) these words were said: 'May this bell, O Lord, be sanctified and conscerated, in the name etc., in honour of Saint Charles. Peace be to thee.' The second bell was then named Edward with the same words, the third George, the fourth Francis, the fifth Mary, the seventh Thomas. The second prayer was then said, each hell was separately censed, and the third prayer concluded the ceremony.

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Nowadays so many services consist of hymns and the sermon and little else. In this there was no hymn from beginning to end, and there was no sermon, yet the service was fully choral.

Ufford people are rejoicing to have their bells back in church again. Ufford people are rejoicing to have their bells back in church again. It is nearly three years since they heard them, as it was Christmas, 1933, when the ringers felt that they could not ring them any longer. When the beams were taken down it was found, as can still be seen in photographs hanging in the porch, that the ravages of the deathwalch beetle were so deep and so widespread that it was remarkable that they had hung there so long. The bells went away to Loughborough on Ash Wednesday, and returned on the Eve of the Assumption. In each case more than a month earlier than the work had been promised. promised.

A WORCESTERSHIRE WEDDING.

UNION OF TWO WELL-KNOWN RINGING FAMILIES.

The marriage took place on Saturday, August 15th, at St. Peter's Church, Hinton-on-the-Green, of Miss Maggie J. Johnson, sixth daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. F. J. Johnson, of Hinton, and Mr. Arthur J. Martin, second son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Martin, of Bromsgrove, thus uniting two well-known ringing families belonging to the Worcestershire and Districts Association.

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The Rector, the Rev. V. C. Blyth, who is a vice-president of the association, officiated. The bride, who was given away by her mother, was escorted to church by her brother, Mr. J. D. Johnson, lay general secretary of the association. She wore an ivory dress and white veil, and carried a shower bouquet of red roses. She was attended by her sister, Miss Kathleen M. Johnson, and the bridegroom's sister, Miss Gwendolyn H. Martin, attired in pale blue dresses and picture hats to match, and carrying shower bouquets of pink carnations; and her two micces, Miss Daphne J. Johnson and Miss Jean A. Corbett, in lemon dresses with sprays of flowers as headdresses, and carrying baskets of sweet peas. Mr. Harold F. Martin was best man.

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As the bridal party left the church the bells rang out, and a peal of Bob Major was rung during the afternoon. After the reception, which was held at Hinton School, the happy couple left for Newquay, where the honeymoon is being spent. Their future home will be at Ventuor Cattages, Church Fields, Bromsgrove.

'GRAMOPHONE' BELLS.

POPULAR WRITER'S CONDEMNATION OF IFORD PROPOSAL. In 'The Ringing World' of July 10th last we called attention to

In 'The Ringing World' of July 10th last we called attention to the proposal to use gramophone records and amplifiers, instead of bells, in the tower of a new church at Iford, near Bournemouth. We condemned this mockery of the time-honoured and hallowed call to worship associated with bells, and suggested it was the first step towards a mechanised form of religion.

The installation of this travesty of bells is being taken up in other quarters. The advice of the Central Council for the Care of Churches has now been asked with regard to the advisability, and if so under what conditions, of the installation of what are described as 'Radio Bells,' and this body has sought the views of the Central Council of Church Bellringers. Church Bellringers.

We hope the result will be that the full influence of the Central Council for the Care of Churches will be used against the introduction of gramophone records as a substitute for bells at Iford or anywhere

A SCATHING CONDEMNATION.

We are not alone in our protest. A striking article by that popular writer 'Philemon' under the title of 'Still the Steeples Hum,' appeared in the London evening newspaper, 'The Star,' on Monday. peared in the London evening newspaper, 'The Star,' on Monday. We hope it has been read by everyone who lives in Iford and that its full meaning has sunk deep into their hearts and consciences. This is 'Philemon's' scathing comment:—

The new Church of St. Saviour, at Iford, Bournemouth, is to have gramophone records and amplifiers in the belfry instead of bells. O tempora! O mores!

'The bells will ring to call her,

In valleys far away.'

Great poet as Housman was, I doubt if he would have been inspired to this superb little poem by the thought of gramophone records in the steeples of the 'coloured counties.' 'And still the steeples hum,'

with gramophone records!

And this in England which, because of its bells, used to be known as 'the ringing island.'

as 'the ringing island.'
Repeat the word 'bells' to yourself aloud; think of bells, the bells of Worcester, of Leicester, of Bow; recall one of the thousand lovely lines like 'sweet bells, jangled, out of tune and harsh' (alas, Ophelia!); and then say 'gramophone records,' and realise from what heights, to what depths of bathos, we are falling.

'Gramophones in the belfry' is a fit companion phrase for 'bats in the belfry.' They mean much the same, It's true that bells are expensive, and gramophones very cheap; but in earlier days 'pious queens and gentlewomen threw into the mass of metal that was to queens and gentlewomen threw into the mass of metal that was to be cast into a bell their gold and silver ornaments; and a feeling of reverence for the interceding voices was common to gentle and simple.

It's easy to think of bells as interceding voices; it's difficult with a gramophone record of bells not to think of a B.B.C. interval.

One of the stained glass windows in York Minster has panels showing the various processes in casting and tuning a bell.

Suggestion to the people of Iford, Bournemouth, that they should

have a window in their church celebrating the manufacture of gramo-phones and records and loud-speakers.

When Henry VIII. began a raid on bells, melting them down to be sold as metal, all sorts of queer things happened. Ships, carrying the bells to foreign ports, foundered; at Yarmouth, for instance.

You may still hear, if the wind is blowing hard, the 14 bells from Jersey which were wrecked at St. Malo. The Bishop of Bangor sold the Cathedral bells, and was struck blind as he watched them being

And Sir Miles Partridge, who wou the Jesus bells of St. Paul's from King Henry at dice, was shortly hauged on Tower Hill.

Contrariwise, if anyone has the courage to pinch the gramophone records from St. Saviour's, let him be canonised and given a safe

seat in paradise.

The Koran tells us that bells hang on the trees of Heaven, and, whenever the Blessed Ones wish for music, God sets them ringing by the breath of His mouth, a 'wind from the throne.' When the Koran

is brought thoroughly up-to-date, God, I suppose, will touch a switch and the gramophones will play in the trees.

There was an idea in a bell. It was an interceding voice. The intercession was graven on it, 'Hail, Mary, full of grace, pray for us.' It called upon people to pray for a passing soul.

It defended believers from devils. Schiller's bell at Munster rang out, 'I call the living; I mourn the dead; I shatter the lightning.'

Superstitious ideas, if you like; but upon my word I like them

better than the mechanical nothingness of gramophone records. Will the Bishop of Winchester, I wonder, consecrate the records?

You think I'm making a mountain out of a molehill? I don't know lford. I don't care tuppence about Iford or St. Saviour's. It's the tendency which is symbolised here.

Bells meant faith in God, joy in God, and were rung to the glory of God; and now that the greater god, Mcchanism, approaches, let the gramcphone praise him!

The Bishop of Winchester can now sit in his palace and preach a scrmon in St. Saviour's by telephone line. Lord help and save us!

MULTI-METHOD MINOR.

NOTIFICATION SUGGESTED BEFORE RECORD ATTEMPTS. To the Editor.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Having read with interest your leading article in 'The Ringing World' of last week, entitled 'The advance of method splicing,' I think we, as an Exercise, agree that tremendous strides have been made during the last few years in Spliced Minor ringing, of which we are justly proud.

Having taken part myself in some of the peals of Spliced Surprise Minor rung in this county, I feel the time has come when it would be far more satisfactory to the Exercise, and to those who take part in these record performances, if the suggestion 1 am to make were adopted. For instance, when a band contemplates attempting to stup a new record length in Major ringing, notification is duly sent beforehand to 'The Ringing World' and figures published.

Now that Minor ringing has reached such a climax, I think it would be to good advantage that notification should be sent to 'The Ringing World' when a band has decided to make an attempt to set up a new record in Minor or in Spliced Minor ringing. If this course were followed it would than give those who are interested in this phase of ringing the chance to listen to these peals in progress. Furthermore, the figures of the attempted peal should be in evidence, phase of ringing the chance to listen to these peals in progress, Furthermore, the figures of the attempted peal should be in evidence, so that those who are expert enough could check the validity of the peal. I know there are quite a number of ringers who are rather dubious as to whether seven true and complete extents are really rung in those performances. Therefore, I think the suggestion made would be for the good of all.

C. T. H. BRADLEY.

Folkingham, Lines.

'SPLENDID STRIKING.'

Dear Sir,—As an old ringer at Freiston for nearly 50 years, I should like to add testimony to the splendid striking throughout the whole of the peal rung here in 61 methods. I was within 150 yards of the church and took notice the whole of the time; scarcely a bell was struck wrong. Great credit is due to these boys, as, I believe, only three years ago hardly one of them could handle a bell. ALEX SHARP.

Freiston, Lines.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LINCOLNSHIRE BAND.

Sir,—I would also like, through the medium of your paper, to offer my heartiest congratulations to Mr. Vernon Taylor and his band on the magnificent performances recently achieved on six bells. May they go on and succeed in ringing the maximum extents in Spliced Minor.

W. J. G. BROWN.

Ipswich.

HOW SOME OF THE 720's ARE FORMED.

The success of the young Lincolnshire band in ringing 60 and more methods in seven true 720's of Minor brings with it an interest in the way in which these 720's have been put together. From time to time we have published some of the figures. Last week, for instance, we gave the details of the first 720, which includes the Alliance methods,

and also the 720 into which 15 methods are spliced.

The 720 in 15 methods was published on January 24th last, and the 720 in 15 methods on August 2nd, 1935. These were Nos. 3 and 4 in the two peals.

Here are three which have not yet been published; they formed the

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FATAL ACCIDENT TO LINCOLN RINGER.

MR. JOE MAYER KILLED IN MOTOR-CYCLE COLLISION.

As the result of a terrible accident, the ringing company at Lincoln Cathedral have lost one of their youngest and most promising ringers. While on his way to work at Gainsborough on his motor-cycle in the misty morning hours of Monday, August 10th, Cecil Joseph Mayer, the second of three ringing sons of Mr. J. Mayer, of 50, Goldsmith Walk, St. Giles, Lincoln, came into collision with a motor-lorry, receiving such terrible injuries that he died within three hours at the Lincoln County Respirat Lincoln County Hospital.

Joe Mayer was the type of ringer that we can ill afford to lose from the belfries of our churches, and the news of his death came as a great shock, not only to his intimate friends, but also to the ringers in the city and district where he was well known.

He would have been 22 years of age this month, and he had rung 16 peals, including seven in Minor methods, one of Grandsire Triples, two of Stedman Triples, one of Bob Major, one of Grandsire Cinques and four of Stedman Triples, two of Stedman Triples, one of Bob Major, one of Grandsire Cinques

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The futural took place on Thursday, August 13th, the service, held at the new Church of St. Giles, being conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. N. Daniels. The Dean of Lincoln, the Very Rev. R. A. Mitchell,

read the lesson.

In addition to the family mourners the congregation included Mr. R. S. Godfrey, surveyor and clerk of works at the Cathedral, several ringers and the wives of ringers representing their husbands who,

ringers and the wives of ringers representing their husbands who, owing to work, were unable to attend.

In the evening upwards of 20 ringers met at the Cathedral to take part in a muffled quarter-peal as a last token of affection and respect, each ringer having a pull at different times during the ringing.

The quarter-peal was conducted by the writer, who has never before taken part in any ringing under such tragic and saddened circumstance.

The sympathy of the Exercise will go out to Mr. Mayer and his family in what seems to be their unfortunate year, as another son, Kenneth W. Mayer, also a Cathedral ringer, has been laid aside for five months with a broken and badly lacerated leg, sustained as the result of an accident while following his employment at one of the Lincoln engineering works.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

DERBY AND BURTON-ON-TRENT DISTRICTS AT REPTON.

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In beautiful weather, between 40 and 50 ringers and friends attended the joint meeting of the Derby and Burton-on-Trent districts of the Midland Counties Association, lield at Repton on Saturday.

Repton lies in South Derbyshire, its history dates back to far antiquity, and to-day is the home of one of the great public schools of England and the pride of the county.

Members were present from Derby, Burton, Ashby, Spondon, Overseale, Netherscale, Appleby, Newhell, with visitors from Norton-inthe-Moors, Chilcompton (Mr. J. T. Dyke), Loughborough, Sheffield, Rotherham and Higham-on-the-Hill.

Mr. W. Worthington, J.P., chairman of the Burton District and donor of the second bell at Repton, was also present during the afternoon. The bells, which have recently been augmented to eight by Taylor and Go., were kept going during the afternoon and evening to various touches ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Kent Treble Bob Major.

Thanks to the wives and friends of the local company, an excellent tea was served in the Court Room, and immediately afterwards the Burton secretary, Mr. J. W. Cotton, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. A. W. Fletcher, M.A.) and Mr. D. F. Ferguson, captain of the local ringers, for their generosity.—This was seconded by Mr. J. H. Swinfield, supported by Mr. G. Freebrey, secretary of the Derby District, and carried with applause. The Vicar, later, conducted a short service and gave an inspiring address.

During the evening small parties were conducted round the old part of the schools, and interest was particularly shown in the library, where hang portraits of past headmasters of Repton. These include the present Archbishop of York and the Bishop of Chester.

Other visitors enjoyed the privilege of looking round the Vicarage and its ground, and altogether an enjoyable time was spent in a most historic place. Thanks to the wives and friends of the local company, an excellent

historic place.

THE SEVENTH 720.

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BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL BELLS.

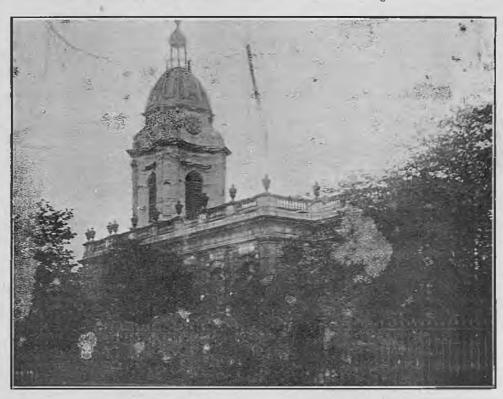
PROPOSED RECASTING AND REHANGING.

It is good news that there is, at last, hope of something being done to the bells at St. Philip's Cathedral, Birming-For years the bells have been in a deplorable condition, and their state is such that ringers have had little desire to ring the bells. Some of them have the unenviable

worthy peal which will not lack capable hands to make the best of a

The Church of St. Philip, which is close to the centre of the city, was creeted early in the 18th century, but some time appears to have elapsed before anything was done in the way of providing bells for the steeple. The Vestry minutes of April 3rd, 1727, record: 'By an order of a generall meeting this day it was agreed that Joseph Smith shall receive the mettle from Mr. Bradburn in order to cast a Bell for the parish church of St. Philip in Birmingham to be done with all expedition.'

Later there is an entry: 'At a meeting 13th day of June, 1727, ordered that a firame of good Timber be erected & fixed in the Steeple



THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. PHILIP, BIRMINGHAM.

reputation of being 'chest crackers.' The bells, too, are, with the possible exception of the tenor, of very poor quality, so that it is much to be hoped that the proposal that they shall be recast as well as rehung may see

For many years the Birmingham ringers urged the restoration of the bells, and it was made a theme of speeches at numerous Johnson dinners, but without any result, until eventually it was given up as an apparently bad job. But the seed has now presumably taken root, and if the full scheme materialises the Cathedral will have a

of the New Church for Hanging of Eight Bells & that the Two Bells already made be hing there with all convenient speed.'

Joseph Smith had a foundry at Edghaston, and he afterwards supplied the peal of eight, which were replaced by Thomas Lester, of the Whitechapel Foundry, in 1750-51. Six of these bells still remain, the treble, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 7th and 9th. Pack and Chapman recast the fifth and tenor in 1772, and Thomas Mears the sixth and eighth, which are dated 1796 and 1823 respectively.

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In days gone by many peals were rung on the bells of St. Philip's, which is now, of course, the Cathedral for the Diocese of Birmingham. The last peal on the bells was a 5,017 Stedman Caters rung by St. Martin's Guild on August 22nd, 1903.

ROTHERHAM RINGERS VISIT LIVERPOOL.

For their annual trip the ringers of St. Stephen's Church, Eastwood, Rotherham, visited Liverpool, where they arrived at 10.20 a.m. The first 1½ hours was spent looking round the new Cathedral, then, after a tour of the main streets, the party had lunch at the 'Orient.' After lunch the first ringing of the day was done at Oxton, where Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Cambridge Major were rung. Bebington was the next visited, and here the light peal of eight were soon set going to Grandsire, Cambridge, Plain Bob and Stedman.

After an excellent tea the party hurried back across the ferry to St. Nicolas' Church, where Grandsire Caters and Stedman Triples were rung on the heavy ring of bells (tenor 40 cwt.), followed by a course of Bob Major and half a course of Cambridge on the back eight. This left the visitors less than 20 minutes to reach the station to catch the return train. to catch the return train.

The Eastwood ringers would like to take this opportunity of thanking those friends at Liverpool who made this outing such a happy one.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MANCHESTER BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting of the Manchester Branch was held at Gorton Unitarian Church on Saturday. The Rev. McMullen officiated and delivered a most inspiring address from the pulpit. Tea and business delivered a most inspiring address from the pulpit. Tea and business meeting took place in the Schoolroom, the chair being occupied by the Rev. McMullen.

Eccles was proposed for the next quarterly meeting, and Swinton and Reddish for the practice meetings.

Mr. C. Gudgeon was most warmly thanked for the work he had accomplished during his term of office as branch president, and Mr. N. Heaps was elected to the office.

Votes of thanks were accorded to all who had been responsible for the splendid tea, and for the arrangements that were necessary for washing the meeting to excessful.

making the meeting so successful.

Ringers from Ashton, Birch, West Didsbury, Oldham, Dean, Miles Platting and Worsley were present.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX. — On Sunday, August 9th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: John A. Cross (first quarter-peal and aged 14 years) 1, T. Sparrow 2, J. Dale 3, J. V. Cross 4, A. Rolph 5, J. Macdougal 6, J. Coruford (conductor) 7, J. Blay 8.

STOKE TRISTER.—At St. Andrew's Church on Sunday, August 3th, after evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): H. J. Ralph (conductor) 1, *C. Summers 2, *J. Thomas 3, A. E. Pound 4, S. J. Pound 5, *E. J. Maidment 6. * First quarter-peal. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th. All but the conductor are members of the local band.

MARGATE, KENT.—On Sunday morning, August 9th, a quarterpent of Bob Major (1,264 changes): W. Sharp (Harrold, Beds) 1, *F. Gudsden 2, *R. Dadds 3, *E. Spickett 4, J. Waghorn 5, T. E. Sone (Paddock Wood) 6, A. P. Cannon (conductor) (London) 7, A. A. Saxby 8 (tenor 22½ cwt). * First quarter-peat of Major. First quarter of Plain Bob on the bells.

HOLLOWAY.—On Sunday, August 9th, at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): H. Franks 1, R. Charge 2, R. Newman 3, F. A. Barker 4, G. Charge 5, M. Fensom 6, H. E. Weeks (first quarter-peal in method) 7, J. G. Nash (conductor) 8.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.—On Wednesday, July 29th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob): T. Hollocks 1, K. Simpson 2, Miss M. White 3, F. Day 4, E. H. Simpson (conductor) 5, H. Hollocks 6. First quarter of Minor by Miss M. White and K. Simpson. This quarfer and the one at Lavenham were specially arranged for the lines Shipley (Yorks) ringers.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, July 26th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich (1,264 changes): L. Pryke I, M. T. Symonds 2, Miss M. White (Shipley, Yorks) (first quarter-peal in the method) 3, K. Simpson (Shipley, Yorks) 4, W. Jarvis 5, D. A. S. Symonds 6, E. H. Simpson (Shipley, Yorks) (conductor) 7, W. R. J. Pontson 8.

WEDDING BELLS.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Elvan's Church, Aberdare, on Sunday, August 16th, to celebrate the wedding of Nurse Vern Rosser, daughter of the captain of the local branch, to Mr. Ian McIntyre, which took place at Greenford, Middlesex, on Monday, August 3rd: J. Emm 1, A. Scribbings 2, F. Chave 3, E. Emm 4, G. Mend 5, G. Kerley (conductor) 6, E. Russell 7, B. Sheldon 8.

At St. Mary's Church, Langdon Hills, Essex, on Angust 15th, in honour of the wedding of Miss Mary Thompson and Mr. George Richardson, 720 of Boh Minor was rung by *P. Monk 1. A. Reeve 2, Miss C. Chinnery 3, H. Chinnery 4, *G. W. Fogden 5, *P. A. Corby (conductor) 6. * First 720 of Plain Bob. On the same occasion, 600 changes of Grandsire Doubles were rung by P. Monk (longest length in the method) 1, G. W. Fogden 2, Miss C. Chinnery 3, H. Chinnery 4, P. A. Corby (conductor) 5, A. Reeve 6. Mr. Richardson has been captain of the local ringers for some six or seven years.

This is the first 720 rung on these bells for many years, probably since before the war. 'In all its 60 years' existence this church has been a notorious 'stoney' stronghold. The bells, with a 12 cwt. tenor, are recognised as being one of the most musical sixes in the county.

A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung on Thursday, August 6th, at Dover, to celebrate the wedding of Mr. B. M. Taylor and Miss O. M. Clark, of the St. Mary's Girl Guides. The ringers were: C. R. Millway 1, B. Jarman (Harpenden, Herts) 2, H. J. Saunders 3, H. Whitehead 4, E. Murrell (London) 5, L. Leach 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, G. Goifrey 8.

A BROKEN 'ROPE,'

LAY READER STRUCK ON THE HEAD.

The bell rope of the village church of Sheldon, near Bakewell, Derbyshire, broke when it was being tolled for the funeral of Miss Ruth Brocklehurst, who had been bellringer for some years.

Mr. James Stephenson, the lay reader, was tolling the bell prior to the lineral service when one of the links in the iron chain at the top of the bell rope snapped.

Rope and chain fell, and part of it struck Mr. Stephenson on the head.

This incident recalls the somewhat similar accident when a bell clapper injured a lad, and damages were awarded. The turrets in which these bells are hung are usually inaccessible, except by the use of a long ladder. Consequently they are seldom inspected and it is a wonder there are not more accidents.

SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR.

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North Staffordshire and District Association: Mr. Andrew Thompson, 37, Broad Street, Newcastle, Staffs.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild; Mr. F. W. Rogers' is no longer a pro tem, appointment.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).-Meeting for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on the 27th, at 7.30 p.m. Ringers' service at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Sunday, September 20th, at seven o'clock .- William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde and Preston Branches. — A combined meeting will take place at Kirkham (8 bells) on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 in the school, 1/- each.—C. Sharples, 35, Berwick Road, Squires Gate, Blackpool.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - Summer is coming. Enjoy it in beautiful surroundings by coming to the ringing meeting of the Tonbridge district at Horsmonden on Saturday, August 22nd. Tower open 3 p.m. Half-hourly bus service from Tunbridge Wells. Book to Broadford and walk through the park. Bring a snack with you. A cup of tea will be available.—Alec E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Beaconsfield (8 bells) on Saturday, August 22nd, at 3.30 p.m. Tea, at is, per head, -A. D. Barker, Cambridge,

Wexham, Slough.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District .- A meeting will be held at Wilden (5 bells) on Saturday, August 22nd. Usual arrangements. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION .- Bolton Branch .-The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.-Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203,

Devonshire Road, Bolton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD .- Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Harpole on Saturday, August 22nd. Usual arrangements. United Counties Bus.—J. C. Dean, Hon. Sec., 16, St. Peter's St.,

Northampton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Hinckley District.-A meeting will be held at Sapcote on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, at 5 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.-A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION .- Northern District.—Saturday, August 22nd, St. Ippollyt's. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Great Wymondley bells will be available after tea. Learners welcome.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION .- Canterbury District. - I he next by meeting will be held at Wingham on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea

5 p.m.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD .- Northern Branch. The bells of Epworth Parish Church have been examined and found unsafe, so the meeting to be held on Saturday, August 22nd, is cancelled.—H. Morgan, Dis. Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. -Ringing at Shoreditch for Divine Service on Sun., Aug. 23rd, at 5.30 p.m, also practice on Thursday, August 27th at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec.

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Littleham on Saturday, August 29th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m., also Withycombe Raleigh (8). Service at 4.30 p.m. Address by the Vicar, Rev. T. G. Shelmerdine. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s., meeting to follow. Buses leave Exmouth for Littleham Village at 2.20 and 4.20 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Monday, August 24th.-R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.-The next meeting will be held at Calverley on Saturday, Aug. 20th. Beils available from 2 p.m. Applications for tea (meat 1/6, plain 1/-) to Mr. G. Thompson, Sunnyside, Woodhall Road, Calverley, nr. Leeds, by first post, August 29th.-

H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSO-ClaTion .- Bristol Rural Branch .- The monthly meeting will be held at Pucklechurch, August 29th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Please advise for tea. Minor practice meeting at Warmley, August 28th.-R. C. Gifford, Branch Sec., Frampton Cotterell, nr. Bristol.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. - Grappenhall Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Warburton on Saturday, August 29th, at 3 p.m. Please advise me not later than the 23rd if you intend to be present, so that arrangements can be made for tea.-[. E. Ashcroft, Post

Office, Grappenhall.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (St. Albans District) AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIA-TION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD (North and East District).—A joint meeting will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, August 29th. The Cathedral bells (12) will be available from 2 to 4 p.m. and after tea. St. St. Peter's (10) from 3 to 5 p.m. A service will be held in this church at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 at the Grange Hotel, St. Peter Street. To facilitate tea arrangements, a postcard to either of the undersigned would be very much appreciated. All ringers and friends welcome.-W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield, and C. T. Coles, 21. Vincent Road, E.4.

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HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD. - A meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, August 29th. Tower open 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—C. A. Levett,

Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY .-- The next meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, August 29th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify me by Wednesday, 26th. A hearty welcome extended to all members and friends.-E. Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division .- A meeting will be held at Billingshurst on Saturday, August 29th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea, Six Bells Inn, 5 p.m., at 1/-. Half rail fares (maximum 1/6) to members.-F. H. Meeten, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, North

Street, Worthing.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Alton and Petersfield District .- A quarterly meeting will be held at Froyle on Saturday, August 29th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at The Shrubbery House (by kind invitation of Sir C. J. Hubert Miller, Bart.), 5.15. Business meeting follows. Kindly let me know numbers for tea by Wednesday, August 26th. -C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles St., Petersfield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. -Romney Marsh and District Guild.-A meeting will be held at New Romney on Saturday, August 29th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.-Frank Conley, Sec., 11,

Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District .- A meeting will be held at St. Martin's, Epsom, on Saturday, Aug. 29th. Bells (10) from 3. Service at 5 p.m., tea afterwards in Church House. Numbers for tea to be sent to Mr. P. Cooper, 62, Station Rd., Epsom. by the 27th.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.— Meeting at Caythorpe (8) August 29th. Names for tea by August 26th to Geoffrey M. Mayer, 50, Goldsmith Walk,

Lincoln.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Stutton on Saturday, August 29th. Bells (6) available at 2.30; also at Holbrook (6) and Hardstead (6). Tea (9d. each) at the King's Head at 4.30 p.m. Meeting follows. Members of the Essex Association are invited.

-H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION .- Western Division. -The next meeting will be held at All Saints' Church, Batley, on Saturday, September 5th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Tea (1/6) at 5 p.m. but please notify Mr. H. Burton, 3, Harrison's Yard, Upper Commercial Street, Batley, by Wednesday. September 2nd. Business meeting after tea .- Frank Rayment, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bramley. Dis. Sec., Mill Road, Over, Cambs.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Christow on Saturday, September 5th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 (1/- each). Bands and visitors attending please notify me by August 31st.— W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter.

'SPLICED PLEASURE, COUNTRY DELIGHT.' -Try Abbots Langley (6 bells) Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells open from 3.30. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Nearest station (1 mile), King's Langley, or buses from Watford, etc. — C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Rd., Bushey. Tel.: City 4270.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.-Southern District .- The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llanelly, Carmarthenshire, on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., with tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea please by Tuesday, Sept. 1st, certain.—E. Stitch, 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division .- A meeting will be held at Salehurst on Saturday, September 5th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (1/3 per head). Will all those intending to be present kindly let me know not later than Wednesday previous to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. -The next meeting will be held at Padibam on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells (8) available from 3. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited .- F. Hindle,

Branch Secretary, 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION .- South-Western Division .-The rededication of North Weald tower and bells, after complete restoration, will take place on Sat., Sept. 5th. Service at 3 p.m., conducted by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Southend. All ringers welcome Tea will be provided for those who advise Mr. H. King, Brickwall House, North Weald, Essex, of their intention of being present.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD, MIDDLE-SEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Local Districts).—A joint meeting will be held at Egham and Staines, etc., on Saturday, September 5th. Full details later.-F. E. Hawthorne, F. W. Goodfellow

and A. D. Barker, Hon. Secs.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD .- A quarterly meeting will be held at Kinver on Saturday, Sept 5th. Bells available 3. Service in Church at 4.30 p.m., to be conducted by the Rev. J. A. Mercer, Vicar. Tea will be provided at ninepence each to all those who notify directly Mr. Percy Handley, Mill Lane, Kinver, Stourbridge, not later than Tuesday, Sept. 1st, and not to myself. Business meeting afterwards.-Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. - Central Branch. -A meeting is fixed for Haddenbam, Cambs, on Saturday, Sept. 5th, instead of Aug. 22nd. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged. Please notify.—F. Warrington,

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ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.—The 6th, 7th and

tenor bells have been re-cast by J. Taylor & Co., and will be re-dedicated on Saturday, Sept. 12th, by the Rt. Rev. J. J. Willis, Assistant Bishop of Leicester. All ringers and friends heartily welcome. Further details later.—Alban

Disney, Dalby Road, Anstey, Leicester.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—By invitation of the Vicar the next quarterly meeting will be held at Hemingbrough on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Short service in church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock (at 9d. per head); those requiring please advise Mr. F. Terry, Farmer, Hemingbrough, near Selby, by Thursday, September 10th. Buses from Selby every hour.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual dinner will be held in Worcester on Saturday, September 26th. Tickets (3s. each) are now available and may be obtained from the dinner committee, branch officers, or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, October 31st, at the Bear's Paw Restaurant, Liverpool. Tickets 4/-. Book the date.—Claude I. Davies, Hon. Treasurer.

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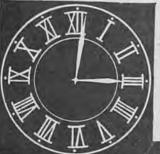


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