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**COLLEGE YOUTHS' TERCENTENARY.**

The coming year should create a new and conspicuous interest in the Ancient Society of College Youths. In celebrating its tercentenary it will reach an auspicious point in its long history, and it has begun the year with happy augury by the election as Master of the President of the Central Council. We are not quite sure that the College Youths themselves fully realised the significance of the occasion, or they would surely have been present in larger numbers to inaugurate this very interesting period. Members have a sense of the prestige and importance of the society, but they missed a great opportunity last week to emphasise this to those 'other pebbles on the beach' to which reference was made at the annual dinner.

The Exercise will look with eagerness to the College Youths to do something which will mark the year as a memorable one. Great occasions demand suitable gestures. We are quite sure that there will be disappointment that the tercentenary banquet will not be open to ladies—even to lady ringers. One reason is that within the borders of the City of London there is no available room which would accommodate all that might be expected to attend, if ladies were permitted to be present. It will, of course, be a memorable gathering if over four hundred male ringers assemble round the festive board, but it would be, we think, the more memorable and certainly a very happy gesture if, for this one occasion, tradition had been thrust aside and it were made possible for a mixed gathering to be held. That it is out of the question, as things stand, will be regretted by at least many provincial members of the society. The year, doubtless, will not be allowed to pass unmarked by anything except the usual dinner in November, and in any other festivities that are arranged the claims of the ladies to share with the men will, we imagine, have sympathetic consideration.

In addition to festivities, however, there ought to be some permanent commemoration of the occasion, and it seems to us there is an obvious and suitable method open to the members. Lord Brereton, the prime mover in the establishment of the society three hundred years ago, was buried in the church at his family seat in Cheshire. No memorial to him exists. What better could the College Youths do to commemorate their Tercentenary and at long last to recognise their debt to their founder than to erect a modest memorial to their first Master near to his last resting place? We commend this suggestion to the members of the society as one which would add distinction to what all ringers hope will be a memorable year.

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## TEN BELL PEALS.

CARDIFF, SOUTH WALES.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

EVAN COLES ... .. Treble	GEORGE TALBOT ... .. 6
*REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS ... 2	ALFRED W. HEATH ... .. 7
CHARLES H. PERRY ... .. 3	ERNEST COOMBS ... .. 8
JOHN W. JONES ... .. 4	JOHN PHILLIPS ... .. 9
ERNEST STITCH ... .. 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

\* First peal of Stedman Cater.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

JOHN THOMAS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT ... .. 6
MISS AMY R. JOHNSON ... 2	J. WILLIAM HPATH ... .. 7
JAMES HEMMING ... .. 3	HERBERT W. KNIGHT ... 8
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... .. 4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 9
RICHARD CLARK ... .. 5	ARTHUR PRINCE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes.

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt. in C sharp.

HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. Treble	*HARRY GRIFFITHS ... .. 6
HARRY BOSWELL ... .. 2	HOWARD HOWELL ... .. 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 3	WILLIAM FISHER ... .. 8
THOMAS J. ELTON ... .. 4	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 9
GEORGE W. HUGHES ... .. 5	BERT HORTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES.

Conducted by H. KNIGHT.

\* First peal with a working bell. B. Horton has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal, except the sanctus bell.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5091 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F. sharp.

RICHARD HAYES ... .. Treble	MADRICE SMITHER ... .. 6
ALFRED H. POLLING ... .. 2	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 7
*THOMAS E. DENYER ... .. 3	C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 8
WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 9
ERNEST J. AYLIFFE ... .. 5	WILFRED BARTLETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by EDGAR BENNETT.

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING

\* First peal on ten bells.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 21, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, HOLLOWAY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

REUBEN CHARGE ... .. Treble	ALBERT TURNER ... .. 5
CHARLES POTHECARY ... .. 2	GEORGE CHARGE ... .. 6
*GEORGE A. PARSONS ... .. 3	ALBERT C. DARNELL ... .. 7
*RICHARD NEWMAN ... .. 4	JOHN G. NASH ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ALBERT C. DARNELL

\* First peal of Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to the mother of the 4th ringer; also to commemorate the birth of a son to Mrs. Belmaine, daughter of the ringer of the 6th.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, November 21, 1936, in Three Hours,  
At the Church of St. Nicholas,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS J. HULL ... .. Treble	GEORGE A. SPENCER ... .. 5
*CHARLES A. DOHERTY ... .. 2	FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 6
†ARTHUR DAY ... .. 3	BEN JARMAN ... .. 7
HENRY JARMAN ... .. 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 173). Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM

\* First attempt for a peal 'inside.' † First peal of Plain Bob Major. This composition is now rung for the first time.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 18½ cwt.

GEORGE GREEN ... .. Treble	† WILLIAM CHALK ... .. 5
THOMAS LINCOLN ... .. 2	PERCY GREEN ... .. 6
*SYDNEY TAYLOR ... .. 3	HARRY WARM ... .. 7
GEORGE M. RASBROOK ... .. 4	HERBERT DEVENISH ... Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE (C.C.C. No. 99). Conducted by P. GREEN

\* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal of Bob Major on tower bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,  
**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 6½ cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. Treble	HAROLD G. JENNEY ... .. 5
ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 2	RONALD EDWARDS ... .. 6
JOHN S. SADDINGTON ... .. 3	PERCY L. HARRISON ... .. 7
MRS. H. J. POOLE ... .. 4	COLIN HARRISON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

The band desire to thank Mr. J. S. Saddington for obliging at short notice in place of Mr. J. F. Milner, who was fogbound at Nottingham.

EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 21, 1936, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Stephen,  
**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5312 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... .. Treble	JOHN MARSHALL ... .. 5
SIDNEY BRIGGS ... .. 2	SIDNEY F. PALMER ... .. 6
*GEORGE S. LEE ... .. 3	WILLIAM BIGGIN ... .. 7
*NORMAN CHADDOCK ... .. 4	*DANIEL SMITH ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS. Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS

\* First peal of Oxford. Rung to commemorate the 56th anniversary of the wedding of the conductor, and the birthday of Mrs. A. P. Knights, wife of the composer. Mr. S. F. Palmer has now 'circled' this tower.

GLADWICK, OLDHAM.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, November 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mark,  
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 8 cwt.

*WALTER BEADMONT ... .. Treble	ARTHUR F. TAYLOR ... .. 5
†GEORGE EYRE ... .. 2	JOHN KIRK ... .. 6
†FRANK BEADMONT ... .. 3	HERBERT BARLOW ... .. 7
OGDEN MOORES ... .. 4	JOSEPH WARBURTON ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR F. TAYLOR.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal on a working bell. Rung as a 'farewell' peal before the bells are taken out to be recast by Mears and Stainbank. All are service ringers with the exception of 4 and 7, from Oldham Parish Church, who kindly made up the band.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 25, 1936, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary and Nicholas,  
**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 16 cwt.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... .. Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5
GEORGE LADD ... .. 2	JOHN CURRY ... .. 6
JOHN G. AMES ... .. 3	ARTHUR J. FARR ... .. 7
ERNEST T. KING ... .. 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This peal, specially arranged for Mr. F. Bennett, who has now rung a peal in every English county, was rung in honour of the 84th birthday of the mother of the ringer of the tenor.

CRAYFORD, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 26, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinds,  
**A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
HUBBARD'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ERNEST H. OXENHAM ... Treble	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 5
*DEREK M. SHARP ... .. 2	*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... .. 6
*COLIN A. HOPPER ... .. 3	*A. PATRICK CANNON ... .. 7
*HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 4	*ALAN J. HOPPER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

\* First peal of Bob Triples.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, November 27, 1936, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,  
**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... .. Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. 2	JOHN G. AMES ... .. 6
JOHN CURRY ... .. 3	ARTHUR FARR ... .. 7
GEORGE LADD ... .. 4	LEONARD H. WRIGHT ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

It was intended to ring Double Norwich, but owing to the indisposition of one of the band the above was substituted. Thanks are due to Mr. L. H. Wright for taking a rope at the last minute.

KNOWLE, BRISTOL.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Nativity,  
**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN RIDLER ... .. Treble	HARRY J. SANGER ... .. 5
FRANK SKIDMORE ... .. 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 6
MISS NORAH C. WILLIAMS ... 3	RONALD G. BECK ... .. 7
*RAYMOND RSYMER ... .. 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

\* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman as conductor and 150th peal for the association. Rung half-muffled as an 'In Memoriam' peal for the late Edward Feltham (donor of the tower and bells) and William Gillingham, an esteemed member of this association.

BENENDEN, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,  
**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES H. SONE ... .. Treble	THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 5
HARRY BAKER ... .. 2	WILLIAM BETTON ... .. 6
ARCHIBALD STEVENSON ... .. 3	LUTHER J. HONESS ... .. 7
WILLIAM WENBAN ... .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Knights on their 56th wedding anniversary. The composition, No. 240 (6,048 reduced to 5,056), is rung for the first time.

## WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,  
At the Church of St. John-in-Bedwardine,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A. B. CARPENTER'S SIX-PART, No. 24. Tenor 15½ cwt.	
RAYMOND C. SAYERS ... .. Treble	GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 5
ERNEST WILSON ... .. 2	REGINALD WOODYATT ... .. 6
*JAMES WOODYATT ... .. 3	WILLIAM LEWIS ... .. 7
DENNIS R. SAYERS ... .. 4	FREDERICK G. YATES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.'

## SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION  
AND EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, November 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 8068 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... .. 7 Treble	LESLIE W. JARVIS ... .. 5
FRANK H. HICKS ... .. 2	FREDERICK MELES ... .. 6
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... .. 3	CHARLES BRANIER ... .. 7
ERNEST J. LADD ... .. 4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.  
150th peal as conductor.

## STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

PERCY E. JONES ... .. Treble	*GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 5
MISS K. M. BRADFORD ... .. 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... .. 6
*J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... .. 3	*HARRY KILBY ... .. 7
*THOMAS J. LOCK ... .. 4	JAMES H. RIDING ... .. Tenor

Arranged by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by T. J. LOCK.

\* First peal in the method.

## HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE MARTIN ... .. Treble	JESSE HARRISON ... .. 5
FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... .. 2	A. REGINALD BLABY ... .. 6
ROLAND BIGGS ... .. 3	PERCY NEWTON ... .. 7
JAMES W. WILKINS ... .. 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by PERCY NEWTON.

First peal of Stedman as conductor.

## MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TEN-PART, No. 1.

Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK W. E. WARD ... .. Treble	JOSEPH BAILEY ... .. 5
*F. GEORGE BAILEY ... .. 2	FREDERICK G. FRETWELL ... .. 6
ALBERT H. WARD ... .. 3	ARTHUR BRAINES ... .. 7
JOHN H. SWINFIELD ... .. 4	CYRIL T. HAYNES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

\* First peal of Stedman and belongs to the local band. Rung as a compliment to Mr. James George on his 83rd birthday.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

## LLANFRECHFA, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 19, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
At the Parish Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently.

Tenor 8 cwt. in B flat.

GEORGE JOHN ... .. Treble	WILLIAM POWELL ... .. 4
JOHN W. JONES ... .. 2	LESLIE BAINHAM ... .. 5
*MISS GWYNETH M. SMITH ... .. 3	ROBERT SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SMITH.

\* First peal of Bob Minor. Rung to mark the occasion of the visit of H.M. the King to this parish.

## OAKLEY, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 19, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being fourteen 120's each of St. Simon's, Grandsire and Bob Doubles.

*JOHN HILSON ... .. Treble	C. HENRY HARDING ... .. 3
REGINALD J. HOSKINSON ... .. 2	FRANK C. TISOR ... .. 4
DONALD COCKINGS ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by C. H. HARDING.

\* First peal and first attempt.

## NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1936, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALBERT J. HURD ... .. Treble	JOHN G. CARLIDGE ... .. 4
JOHN E. WHELDON ... .. 2	ANDREW THOMPSON ... .. 5
THOMAS HURD ... .. 3	WILLIAM CARNWELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM CARNWELL.

## THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

GEORGE A. PACKHAM ... .. Treble	CHARLES H. WICKENS ... .. 3
FREDERICK C. PACKHAM ... .. 2	*ERNEST J. WILLEY ... .. 4
ERNEST F. PACKHAM ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by G. A. PACKHAM.

\* First peal. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

## PATRINGTON, EAST YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Patrick,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 24 lb.

MARTIN WALKER ... .. Treble	GEORGE DOBBS ... .. 4
LEONARD RODMELL ... .. 2	ARTHUR E. WEST ... .. 5
GEORGE L. HALL ... .. 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... .. Tenor

Arranged by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

## LITTLE COMBERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 21, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.

*JOSEPH E. NEWMAN ... .. Treble	RALPH HARRIS ... .. 4
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... .. 2	EDWARD MOORE ... .. 5
†ALBERT GRINNELL ... .. 3	†ARTHUR RICHARDSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH HARRIS.

\* First peal of Grandsire Doubles. † First peal. Rung as the quarterly peal for the branch, and as a birthday compliment to the Rev. W. D. Lowndes, Rector of Little Comberton, who kindly entertained the band to tea.

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## WROXHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 22, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

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

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

Seven variations of extents with the 5-6's at backstroke.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. Treble	A. FREDERICK BOYCE ... .. 4
HERBERT C. READ ... .. 2	G. ORGE BAILEY ... .. 5
GEORGE S. MAYERS ... .. 3	CRCIL V. EBBERSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

## ELSTOW, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 23, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND HELENA,

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

Consisting of two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, one of Oxford Bob and two of Plain Bob.

C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... .. Treble	DONALD COCKINGS ... .. 4
REGINALD J. HOUGHTON ... .. 2	EDMUND W. WAGSTAFFE ... .. 5
FRANK C. TYSOE ... .. 3	C. HENRY HARDING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. H. HARDING.

## TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 23, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

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

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

Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

SYDNEY FLINT ... .. Treble	WALLACE W. COUSINS ... .. 4
JOHN W. RODWELL ... .. 2	CHARLES F. TOVELL ... .. 5
CLAUDE COUSINS ... .. 3	CRCIL V. EBBERSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. V. EBBERSON.

\* First peal of Bob Minor 'inside.'

## SANDHURST, BERKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Monday, November 23, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Being four 720's of Oxford and three of Kent rung alternately.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

* LESLIE J. BATEMAN ... .. Treble	† CYRIL W. BARLOW ... .. 4
CHARLES DOE ... .. 2	† WILLIAM H. J. PARKER ... .. 5
BERNARD C. CASTLE ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. PAICE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES DOE.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal away from the treble. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of the Rev. Canon the Hon. Randall Parsons, for 41 years the esteemed Rector of the parish, whose body was interred at Sandhurst a few days previously.

## BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTS.

## THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 26, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

One extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double and Single Court, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

THOMAS VESSEY ... .. Treble	FRANK VERNON ... .. 4
JAMES RAITHBY ... .. 2	† RICHARD HARVEY ... .. 5
* MISS DOROTHY VESSEY ... .. 3	CLIFFORD VESSEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD VESSEY.

\* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

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## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 28, 1936, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

FREDERICK W. STOKES ... Treble	MOSES BILLINGS ... .. 4
* JOHN FREEMAN ... .. 2	WALTER TOMLINSON ... .. 5
JOHN A. FREEMAN ... .. 3	JOHN WALDEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN

\* First peal on six bells. First peal on six bells as conductor.

## THORNCOMBE, DORSET.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 11 six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and 20 of Grandsire, with 18 different callings.

Tenor 20 cwt. 24 lb.

HUBERT SMITH ... .. Treble	GILBERT W. RENDELL ... .. 3
H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ... .. 2	E. T. PAUL FIELD ... .. 4
PERCY N. G. RAINEY ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by E. T. P. FIELD.

First peal on the bells, which have recently been rehung in a new frame and the tenor recast. They are the heaviest ringable 'five' in the county.

## HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

* ALLEN MORGAN ... .. Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 4
FRANK LAWRENCE ... .. 2	† THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. 3	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS W. LEWIS.

\* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods as conductor and 150th peal.

## PERRANZABULOE, CORNWALL.

## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PIRAN,

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

* VIVIAN WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	E. SANDERS ... .. 4
S. SEYMOUR ... .. 2	F. HARRIS ... .. 5
W. SLBEMAN ... .. 3	P. R. C. WILLIAMS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. HARRIS.

\* First peal. Rung before his eleventh birthday. Ringer of the 3rd from Truro, 4th from Camborne, the rest from Redruth.

## KINGSLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1936, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERNBROUGH

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

Consisting of 720 each of York, Norwich and Ipswich Surprise, Woodbine, Violet, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

HENRY CARNWELL ... .. Treble	JOHN E. WHEELDON ... .. 4
THOMAS HURD ... .. 2	JAMES WALLLEY ... .. 5
ARTHUR W. HALL ... .. 3	WILLIAM CARNWELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

Rung as a welcome to Miss G. M. E. Williams, daughter of the Rev. W. Williams, B.A., R.D., Rector of Kingsley, on her return from Spain, where she has been serving as a nurse.

## HANDBELL PEAL.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 23, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes.

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. PAULINUS' CHURCH

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6058 CHANGES;**

\* COLIN HOPPER ... .. 1-2 | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 5-6

† DEREK M. SHARP ... .. 3-4 | EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 7-8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

\* First peal of Major 'in hand.' † First peal of Major on an 'inside' pair.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

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## FOR BEGINNERS.

## CAMBRIDGE COURT.

In the Central Council's Collection of Plain Major Methods, there is material enough for any eight-bell band to satisfy all their ambition in plain Major ringing, and yet how seldom it is that ringers attempt any of these many interesting methods. Apart from forming easy steps to progress, they are, in themselves, worth ringing, while some of them are enough to tax the ability of average ringers.

It seems, however, that ringers have got into a certain path from which they do not care to depart in their efforts to go from the simple to the complex. The steps seem to be Bob Major, Double Norwich, Treble Bob, Superlative or Cambridge.

Now, that is all very well for those able to take long strides, and it is probably necessary at present for those who try to get practice elsewhere than in their own tower, because these methods seem to be the staple 'food' of ringers. We are certain, however, that many a ringer has got into a state of stagnation, just because he has been confronted by the rather long steps and has found them very difficult or impossible to take in his stride.

The Central Council's Collection can be a great aid to overcoming this difficulty, and we suggest that bands who are desirous of getting on should turn their attention to some of the methods published in the book, which will take them along in easy stages and help them to grasp the process as they go.

When we dealt with progressive steps in Minor, we endeavoured to take our beginners from the Plain Bob method to the Court methods, in which places made 'across the treble' are introduced, instead of or in addition to places in 2nd's and 5th's when the treble leads or is behind.

This principle is applied also to Major methods, but, there being more bells, there are more positions where these places can be made. In Minor they can only be made in 3-4; but in Major they can also be made in 5-6. The method, to be symmetrical, must have places to correspond in each half of the lead, that is to say if there are places across the treble in 3-4 when this bell is hunting up, there must be places in 3-4 when it is hunting down. Similarly places made with the treble crossing 5-6 up involves places when the treble crosses 6-5 down.

Double Court was the simple example in Minor. Let us put it beside a Major method.

12 34 56	12 34 56 78
21 43 65	21 43 65 87
24 13 56	24 13 56 78
42 31 65	42 31 65 87
24 36 15	24 36 15 78
42 63 51	42 63 51 87
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	46 25 38 17
	64 52 83 71
	46 58 27 31
	64 85 72 13
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46 25 31	68 47 51 23
64 52 13	86 74 15 32
46 51 23	68 71 45 23
64 15 32	86 17 54 32
61 45 23	81 67 45 23
16 54 32	18 76 54 32
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15 63 42	17 85 63 42

It will be seen on examination that except for the pair of bells in 7-8 in the Major the first six rows in the Minor and Major are identical and we have separated the pairs so that this may be the easier seen. The four middle rows in the Major, of course, have no counterpart in the Minor, but the six following rows, if 4.5.6.7.8 in the Major, are substituted for 2.3.4.5.6 respectively in the Minor, will again be observed to be identical.

The eight-bell method is Cambridge Court. Like Double Court it is all single dodging on the front, except when the treble intervenes, and again like Double Court there is no dodging in 3-4. Also when treble turns you from front or behind 'places across the treble' are made in 3-4. The method differs from Double Court in that it is all *double* dodging behind, except when the treble intervenes.

Remains the work in 5-6. In the figures given above, it will be seen that a bell (the 5th in this lead) having previously passed the treble in 2-3, dodges in 5-6, makes 5th's, 3rd's and 5th's, and then dodges down in 6-5. That is really the only unusual piece of work in the method. There are only two other dodges in 5-6; one after you have turned the treble from behind and double dodged in 8-7 (down) and the other immediately after passing the treble in 4-5.

Cambridge Court is already being taken up in a few places; we suggest that those who want to depart from Plain Bob (Single, Reverse or Double) should study and ring it.

First draw your diagram, marking carefully where the treble crosses the line of the working bell. With this before you and a study of the construction of the figures we have given, Cambridge Court ought to be an interesting departure from the humdrum of Bob Major.

## BELLS AND THE PUBLIC.

## To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have read with much interest your comments on the above topic, also the splendid letter written by Mr. A. J. Corrigan. You give us an excellent suggestion this week when you say, 'The operation can always be carried out in such a way that the volume of sound can be regulated to suit the occasion,' which is perfectly correct and very practical.

I feel sure that the above suggests the lines upon which measures should be taken in dealing with the matter. To spend some hundreds of pounds on restoring a peal of bells and then brick up the louvres so that the sound comes through the roof, etc., is hardly worth doing. I think that in some areas peals should very seldom, if ever, be attempted. I have been in certain houses near towers when bells have been ringing and have been astonished at the volume of sound, and can quite imagine what the effect would be in city offices and business places.

I feel certain that the public generally favour church bells, and only a small minority are dead against them, but there are many who object to long spells of ringing for, to them, no apparent reason. Saxlingham Thorpe, Norwich. W. L. DUFFIELD.

## VICAR'S METHOD OF DEALING WITH COMPLAINTS.

## AN ANSWER TO 'GRUMBLERS.'

The North-Western District of the Surrey Association held their last meeting of the year at All Saints', Benhlilton, Sutton, on Saturday, when 29 members attended, representing the local band, Bantstead, Beddington, Chelsea, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's), Epsom (Christ Church), Ewell, Merton and Leatherhead.

Ringling commenced at 3 p.m. and continued until 5 o'clock, when those present attended a short choral evensong conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. S. J. Clements, who also gave the address. Taking his text from Romans, xii., 13, 'Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep,' he said that the bells of our churches were the chief means of giving expression to this command, and it was for this reason the service rendered by the bellringers was so much appreciated by the great majority of the people of our land. He illustrated this by recalling the muffled peals which were rung on the occasion of the death of King George V., and also by the rejoicing, so well expressed by the bells, at the Christmas season. Then there was the forthcoming coronation of our present King, when the bellringers would again be called upon to express the national sentiment. He added, however, that he was well aware of the fact that there were in almost every parish people who complained about the sound of the bells and would like them silenced. With such people he always adopted the attitude that the bells were there first: that they were welcomed by the majority of the parishioners, who liked to hear their message of sympathy or rejoicing, as the case might be, and for that reason they could not be silenced. He invariably pointed out to these 'grumblers' that it would be as well if, before taking up residence in a parish, they had a look round to see if there was anything, such as a church with a peal of bells, a school, or a factory, in the vicinity likely to interfere with their peace of mind, and arrange for the situation of their house accordingly. 'So do not take too much notice of these disagreeable people, my brothers,' said the Vicar. 'So long as your ringing is done to the glory of God and in the service of your fellow-men, go on doing it, sure in the knowledge that your efforts are appreciated.'

Tea followed at the Angel Hotel, and after tea a short business meeting was held, presided over by the District Ringing Master, Mr. Daniel Cooper. The following were nominated as district officers for 1937: Ringing Master, Mr. D. Cooper; treasurer, Mr. H. V. Young and Mr. H. W. Simmons; secretary, Mr. F. G. Woodiss; auditor, Mr. R. A. Simmons; committee, Messrs. T. Bannister, Cyril Smith, H. W. Simmons, H. V. Young, W. E. Hewett, C. Parks and C. H. Kippin.

It was the wish of the meeting that Mr. C. Parks would accept nomination as district treasurer, but Mr. Parks explained that for business reasons it would be impossible for him to undertake the duties of either treasurer or auditor, and that he would have to resign his position as auditor at the annual district meeting. He was, however, willing to serve on the committee, and his nomination was duly made.

The District Committee were requested, at their next meeting, to go into the question of ringing for the Coronation with a view to preparing a scheme to ensure the ringing of the bells at all towers in the district, in so far as this was practicable.

The Chairman explained the arrangements which had been made for the opening of the new peal of 12 bells at Croydon Parish Church by the Archbishop of Canterbury on December 12th, and requested tower secretaries to let him have their numbers of those who intended to be present, as soon as possible, in any case not later than December 7th, so that final arrangements for accommodation could be made.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed to the Vicar of Benhlilton and to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting. The names of Mr. F. Randall and Mr. Cyril Smith were specially mentioned in connection with this vote of thanks, which was carried with acclamation.

The members returned to the tower, where ringing continued until 9 o'clock. A very good meeting then terminated.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.****TOWERS TRANSFERRED TO NEWBURY DISTRICT.**

Fourteen towers in the branch were represented at the annual meeting of the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Newbury on November 21st. The attendance, including visitors, numbered 80.

A short service was conducted by the Rector, Canon W. L. Cooper, and an excellent address was given by the Rev. R. Howes, Vicar of Beenham.

After tea in St. Nicholas' Parish Room, the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford presided at the business meeting, supported by Canon G. F. Coleridge, Vicar of Crowthorne (Master of the Guild), the Rev. C. E. Wigg, of High Wycombe (Deputy Master), Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary), Mr. A. D. Barker (general treasurer) and Mr. H. W. Curtis (hon. secretary and treasurer of the Newbury Branch).

Mr. H. W. Curtis presented his reports for the past year. The balance sheet showed that the receipts amounted to £37 15s. 9d., of which £16 0s. 6d. were subscriptions, and the expenditure £18 17s. 2d., leaving a balance in hand of £20 18s. 7d. Five meetings had been held with an average attendance of 40, and their chairman had attended every meeting. The branch had 18 honorary members, 154 ringing members, and nine life subscribers. Mr. Curtis concluded by thanking the chairman for his help, and the clergy and foremen of towers for making the meetings so successful.

An application was received from Aldermaston and Beenham to transfer from the Bradfield Deanery Branch to Newbury, and this was granted. This makes the number of towers in the Newbury Branch twenty.

Five new members were also elected, Messrs. F. Turner, W. G. Baldwin and B. Curtis, of Newbury, and Messrs. A. Parfitt and W. Turvey, of Compton.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Chairman, the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. W. Curtis; general committee, Messrs. S. Quinton, F. J. Owen, T. Curtis and A. Smith.

Satisfactory reports were read from the following towers: Bucklebury, Beeton, Brightwalton, Compton, Chieveley, Hungerford, East Ilsley, Farnborough, Newbury, Peasemore, Great Shefford, Shawcum-Donnington and Thatcham.

The February meeting of the branch was fixed for Brightwalton, and the spring meeting for Aldermaston.

Visitors were present from Abingdon, Reading, Twyford, Swindon, Willesden and Wallingford, and the methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich Caters, Bristol Surprise Major and Cambridge Surprise Royal.

**LEEDS SOCIETY ENTERTAIN LADIES' GUILD.**

On Saturday the Leeds and District Society held a joint meeting with the Northern Section of the Ladies' Guild at St. Chad's Church, Headingley.

Handbells were rung prior to the raising of the bells at 2.45 p.m., and tower ringing was almost continuous until the service at 4.30 p.m. By the generosity of the ladies' president (Miss Bowling), a splendid tea was enjoyed by 35 ringers. A vote of thanks was accorded to Miss Bowling on the proposition of Mr. H. Lofthouse, seconded by Mrs. E. D. Kelly.

The business meetings were held in separate rooms. We are not privileged to know the deliberations of the ladies except that two new members were elected. These were Miss Hawley, of Sherburn, and Miss Stitson, of Drighlington.

At the Leeds Society's meeting the president was chairman, and members were present from Armley, Batley, Burley, Bradford Cathedral, Calverley, Drighlington, Headingley (St. Michael's), Holbeck, Leeds Parish Church, Ripon, Rothwell, Selby, Sherburn, Shipley, Sutton and the local company.

One new member, Mr. J. A. Scholefield, of St. Chad's, was elected.

The President proposed that best thanks be accorded to the Vicar, churchwardens and the local company for the use of the bells and other arrangements.—This was seconded by Mr. W. Jackson, and Mr. F. Hutchinson replied.

The next meeting is in January, 1937, and at present the date is uncertain. Members are asked to look for the notice in the columns of 'The Ringing World.'

Members afterwards returned to the tower, where Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich Major, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major were rung.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****CENTRAL BRANCH AT WILBURTON.**

A good practice meeting was held at Wilburton on Saturday, November 28th. Members were present from Cambridge (the Rev. R. Copeman), Chatteris, Dersingham, Norfolk, Haddenham, Over, Sutton, Willingham, Great Staughton, Hartford and the local company. The methods ranged from Stedman Doubles to London Surprise Minor.

The Guild service was held, and afterwards tea was taken in the Royal Oak, 18 sitting down.

It was decided, if permission be granted, to hold the next meeting at Ely (St. Mary's) on January 9th.

A most enjoyable afternoon and evening was spent, the bells being lowered about 8.45 p.m.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The dedication of the new tower and bells at St. David's Cathedral, Hobart, Tasmania, is to take place on Sunday afternoon. As already reported in our columns, the ceremony is to be attended by ten Archbishops and Bishops, and the service promises to be an impressive and memorable one. There are 13 bells, including a ringing peal of eight with tenor of about 15 cwt. They were cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co. They will be the first complete new peal of bells in the Commonwealth since 1892.

Three or four privileged people last Saturday saw and handled the only three copies known to exist of the first edition of 'Tintinnalogia'—the first book on the art of change ringing—published in 1668. It was printed for Fabian Stedman.

Two of the copies, one perfect and the other slightly defective, are in possession of the Rev. W. O. Pearson, of Henley, Ipswich. The third is now owned by the president of the Central Council, and the three precious volumes were brought together in Henley Vicarage for comparison—probably the first time for centuries that three such books have been seen together. Mr. Pearson's other treasures in the shape of rare ringing books, the finest collection in existence, were also inspected with intense interest.

An extract from the 'Diss Express' of December 1st, 1876, recalls the first peal of Kent Treble Bob on the bells of Diss rung four days earlier. This peal was the first rung by William Ireland, who is still amongst us. He was one of the founders of the Norwich Diocesan Association. The paragraph of 60 years ago says: 'The ringing was marked with great precision and was heartily enjoyed by lovers of the art.'

Mr. James George was 83 last Friday. Although he is still far from well, he follows the doings of all his friends with keenest interest, and is looking forward to joining in their activities again in the not too distant future.

Mr. Frank Bennett, of Brighton, has joined the small company of ringers who have rung a peal in every county in England. He completed this achievement by ringing two peals in Lincolnshire last week.

Mr. Albert E. Edwards on Saturday rang his 150th peal as conductor. He called the same composition of Bob Major that he did in his first peal as conductor 39 years ago, and rang it at the same church, St. Mary the Virgin, Speldhurst. These 150 peals have been rung in 52 different towers in Kent, Surrey and Sussex.

Members of the Tower Grabbers' Union may note this: A well-known Cambridgeshire ringer rang at Over on Sunday and Monday, Saffron Walden on Tuesday, Longstanton on Wednesday, Cambridge R.C. on Thursday, St. Ives on Friday, Wilburton on Saturday, Hemingford Abbots on Sunday morning, St. Neots in the afternoon, and Over in the evening, during the past week.

Boxing Day will be the 35th anniversary of the record peal of 11,111 Stedman Cinques, rung at St. Martin's Church, Birmingham, and a peal in celebration is being arranged. The band will include as many as possible of the original company.

Few young ringers have scored a peal at so early an age as Vivian Williams, of Redruth, Cornwall, who last Saturday rang the treble to a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Perranzabuloe. He is not yet 11 years of age. Two of the late Mr. James Washbrook's sons, J. W. Washbrook, jun., and W. R. Washbrook, both took part in peals while only ten years of age. J. W., junior, rang a peal of Stedman Triples when he was eleven and called a peal of Grandsire soon after he was twelve.

To avoid clashing with the Middlesex Association's meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, on Saturday, the meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association in the City (which was advertised last week) has been postponed until December 18th.

Mr. Arthur A. Saxby, of Margate, writes that he tuned in on Sunday to the only wireless station which announced 'The Bells,' and had the satisfaction of hearing one bell tolled about 20 times and that was cracked!

The service was from the North Regional and was relayed from the Moravian Church, Fairfield, Manchester.

## COLLEGE YOUTHS' 300th ANNIVERSARY.

MORE ACCOMMODATION DESIRABLE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am sorry, and so are many other ringers, to hear that the numbers for the 300th anniversary dinner next year are to be limited, owing to the fact that there is no room available which will hold more than 420 persons.

It seems a pity that people should be 'turned away' for this reason only, because I feel sure that about 700 persons would be present if guests could be invited.

Unless there is any special reason, would it be possible to stretch a point and hold the dinner outside the actual City where there is sufficient room to hold all that would like to come?

Before anything definite is decided, I would suggest that a post-card vote of all members be taken so that the wishes of all could be obtained.

H. J. CANN.

Brookwood, Surrey.



## IPSWICH RECORDS. PEALS WHICH HAVE MADE RINGING HISTORY.

### Central Council President Unveils Board.

A very interesting event took place in the ringing chamber at the Church of St. Mary le Tower, Ipswich, on Saturday, when a board of eight panels recording eight peals in eight different methods was unveiled by the President of the Central Council and dedicated by the Vicar in the presence of a large company of ringers.



ST. MARY-LE-TOWER CHURCH, IPSWICH.

The performances, which are now permanently recorded in the tower, are of exceptional interest. They are all peals of Maximus, but not only were they the first on bells in the eight methods, but in the case of six of them they were the first peals of Maximus ever rung in the methods.

For two generations at least St. Mary-le-Tower has possessed a band of enterprising ringers who have made a great deal of twelve-bell ringing history, and the performances of the past ten years or so, recorded on this new peal board, are evidence of the progressive spirit of the present band.

The board occupies the west side of the ringing room and is lettered in black, with red initials, on a cream ground. The records are not strictly in chronological order, the six 'first ever' being in the centre, with Forward Maximus and Duffield Maximus, the first on the bells, on either side.

The other six peals were Superlative Surprise, New Cambridge Surprise, Yorkshire Surprise, Pudsey Surprise, Little Albion Treble Bob and Rochester Surprise Maximus. A footnote also records the fact that the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus was rung in the tower in 1908.

The spacious ringing chamber was well filled for the ceremony of unveiling, among those present, in addition to the Rector, Mr. E. H. Lewis and Mrs. Lewis, being Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Central Council), the Rev. H. Drake (hon. secretary of the Suffolk Guild), Mr. E. P. Duffield (late Master of the College Youths and Essex Association) and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith. There were many present old in the service of St. Mary-le-Tower, but senior to them all was Mr. Robert Brundle, still active at the age of 85, and capable of taking his place not only in the service ringing, but in a peal. His name appears in seven of the peals recorded on the new board, and he forms a living link with a distant past in Ipswich ringing history. He has been a member of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society for 60 years and rang his first peal there in 1877.

Mr. C. J. Sedgley opened the formal proceedings by explaining the object of the gathering. It might be asked, he said, why have this fuss at the unveiling of a peal board? The reason was they were very proud of the peals recorded on the board, and particularly of six of them, which were the first ever rung in the respective methods. Only one of the methods had ever been practised elsewhere. The board was, therefore, unique, and that must be their apology, if any were needed, for that gathering.

Mr. Lewis then unveiled the board, and the Vicar dedicated it 'as a record of faithful work well done and an inspiration to those who come after.'

### A FINE SERIES OF PERFORMANCES.

Mr. Sedgley then proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Lewis for his kindness in coming to perform the ceremony, and to the Vicar for his interest in the doings of the society. There was never an impediment placed in their way with regard to ringing, said Mr. Sedgley, and they always were treated most kindly by the Vicar.

Mr. Lewis, in expressing pleasure at being able to perform a small part in the proceedings, said he thought that a ceremony of that sort in connection with a peal board was very nice to have. It seemed to him that it showed quite definitely that change ringing had now been recognised by the Church as part of the service to the Church by the ringers. As they knew, change ringing, as an art, was in its origin entirely secular. At the time when it started, owing to Puritan influence in the Church, the proper ringing of the bells for service was entirely banned. It was only because people were fond of the bells that ringing was kept up for secular purposes. During the last 50 years there had been, as they knew, a great change in helfry matters, and change ringing was now looked upon as part of the service of the Church.

Mr. Lewis went on to refer to the fine series of twelve-bell performances recorded on the board. He had for a long time, he said, hoped that ringers on a higher number than six bells would take a leaf out of the six-bell ringers' book and get to such a state of proficiency in ringing that they could competently ring a method without previously practising it, by studying a diagram. That was done in some six-bell towers where 104 methods were rung in a year—two for the services each Sunday. To a more limited degree this was being done by a few eight-bell bands, a famous example being at Helmingham. Apparently in Ipswich they had got nearly to that ideal on twelve bells, and were such masters of their ringing that they could ring a method properly without practice merely by studying a diagram. That peal board represented the finest thing that had been done on twelve bells, and it had been done by a single band attached to one tower.

The Vicar thanked the society for their loyal and devoted work put in in that belfry. They were all very proud of the ringers whose fame had spread beyond the tower and county right through the bell-ringing world. The people of Ipswich knew how high the ringers stood in their craft. Bellringers as a whole were men and women extraordinarily devoted to their craft, and it was a very valuable piece of church work.

### AN OUTSTANDING BAND OF RINGERS.

Mr. G. E. Symonds, hon. secretary of the society, welcomed the visitors. Visitors, he said, were always welcome to their tower and to ring there whenever possible. Some of the visitors had come a long distance to be with them on that occasion. He was pleased to say that Mr. Robinson, who constructed the board, and Mr. Cunningham, who wrote it, were also present to see their work unveiled. He was also very pleased that Mr. Brundle was with them. His name appeared in seven of the peals.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith acknowledged the welcome extended to the visitors. He referred to the work done for the St. Mary-le-Tower Society in the past by men like James Motts, William Catchpole and others, and said the wonderful performances by the talented band of St. Mary-le-Tower, which they now saw recorded, were put up by men who reaped the advantage of the excellent foundations laid by men of a past generation.

Mr. E. P. Duffield also replied, and, in emphasising the point made by the previous speaker, said the society would probably not have reached its present standard had it not been for the ground work

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### TWENTY-EIGHT MEMBERS ELECTED. CANTERBURY DISTRICT'S BIG INFLOX.

An enjoyable by-meeting of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association was held at Herne on Saturday. Ringing on the six bells commenced at 3 o'clock. The association's form of service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. Daubney), assisted by the curate (the Rev. Barker), who gave the address.

In the Church Room afterwards upwards of 40 sat down to an excellent tea, provided by Messrs. Hadlow, of the Herne band.

At the short business meeting which followed, the Rev. Barker in the chair, 28 new members were elected, Faversham rejoining the association with nine members, ten being elected from Walmer, six from St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, a new tower, and three from the local tower. It was also stated that the Rev. P. A. L. Clarke, Vicar of Faversham, had rejoined as an honorary member.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, and to the Rev. Barker for his address, were passed. In reply, the Vicar said they were always pleased to have the association at Herne. He hoped they would come again in the near future.—The Rev. Barker also replied. He hoped to become an honorary member in the near future.—Mr. W. E. Pitman was thanked for his services at the organ, and Mr. C. Hadlow and his brother, Mr. F. Hadlow, were heartily thanked for so generously entertaining the members to a most excellent tea.

A return was made to the tower, and further ringing was enjoyed until 8.30, many methods being practised, from rounds for the beginners to London for the more advanced.

### LADIES' GUILD.

#### FIRST MEETING IN NORFOLK.

A most successful meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held at Norwich on Saturday, November 21st. Ringing commenced at St. Peter Mancroft, where various methods were rung with the help of the gentlemen present, and also rounds by 12 members of the Guild. St. Giles' and St. Michael-at-Coslany were also visited and a variety of methods rung.

A short service was held at St. Peter Mancroft, conducted by the curate. Tea followed at the Curat House, at which 42 members and friends were present.

The president of the Guild (Miss Evelyn Steel) thanked the various incumbents for the use of their bells and also the gentlemen for their interest and help. This was the first Guild meeting to be held in Norfolk, and it had proved a great success.

Four new members were elected.

In addition to the local ladies, members were present from Barnehurst, Bedford, Blankney, Burton-on-Stather, Enfield, Ipswich and Surfield.

### IPSWICH RECORDS.

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put by those two men and others of their day and generation. They, perhaps, in their turn would have made similar acknowledgment to the men who went before them. Ipswich had long had an outstanding band of ringers. They all knew of other companies who had attained a high standard of proficiency and to whom the Exercise had looked up, but some of those bands did not to-day exist. They had just faded out. In Ipswich, however, they had been more fortunate and at any rate for more than half a century they had had an expert band of ringers. Facilities for practice had never been lacking and the periodical ringing of peals had resulted in a high standard being maintained. The public, too, seemed to accept ringing as part of their lives. Whereas in some places there were complaints about ringing, even when it was done in moderation, it was extraordinary that in Ipswich a complaint was almost unknown. He suggested it was because ringing had become part of the life of the town. He assured the Ipswich ringers that the visitors were delighted to be with them on that most auspicious occasion.

This concluded the ceremony, and the assembly examined the new board with much interest.

Ringing took place both before and after the ceremony, touches of Cinques and courses of Royal and Maximus being rung. Among the latter was Little Albion Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. The bells are extremely pleasant to ring on, and for a 'mixed' peal are of fine tone and even quality. The oldest bell is the seventh, cast by Miles Graye in 1607. Some years ago it was found to be cracked in the crown and was welded with success. The eleventh is another bell by Miles Graye, cast in 1610. John Darbie cast the sixth, eighth and tenth in 1671; Christopher Hodson the fourth in 1688; Taylors the third and second in 1844 and 1845 respectively. Warner and Sons cast the treble and tenor and recast the fourth and ninth when the bells were increased to twelve in 1866. Previous to 1844 there were only eight bells, of which the present eleventh was the tenor. Two trebles were added in 1845.

On Sunday a course of Rochester Surprise Royal was rung for morning service and a course of Cambridge Surprise Maximus for evening service, besides other short touches of Superlative and Kent Surprise.

Postcard size photos of the board containing the eight peals can be obtained at 6d. each, post free, from Mr. G. E. Symonds, 28, Chevallier Street, Ipswich.

### SHOULD THE LENGTH OF PEALS BE REDUCED ?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letter in your last issue on the above subject from Mr. Corrigan, I, for one, should like to congratulate him on his pluck in bringing this important question forward. I fully agree with what he says, as for some years I have had the same thing on my mind, but I have never even dared to dip my pen in ink to write such a letter to 'The Ringing World.'

There are one or two things I would like to add to his letter. Take a young band who are just emerging from their raw material stage, just stepping on the first rung of the ladder, desirous of making an attempt for a peal, but in great doubt as to whether they could endure the first strain of a 5,040, taking perhaps say 3 hours and 15 minutes, on a fairly heavy peal of bells. I think, if the standard could be altered on the lines that Mr. Corrigan has put forward in his letter, which would reduce the time by, say, one hour, it would be a great inspiration to young bands wishing to make their first attempt; at the same time, there would still be the next step left to go for a 5,040.

Another question arises. Where a great number of our churches years ago stood by themselves, to-day they are being hemmed in on all sides by new houses and thickly populated districts. It is places like these that we, as ringers, have got to take into consideration and go with the times. Cutting down the number of changes and time might be a way of stopping the grumbling or in some cases going without a peal at all.

I also think there is another advantage that would be derived from this cutting down and that is on our twelve-bell peals, which generally take nearly four hours, and in some cases quite that time, especially where the bells go none too well. In such cases the men at the heavy end would benefit by this change.

Of course, bringing in a rule altering the length to suit such requirements would not make the least difference to ringing 5,040's where the facilities are favourable. Points for such short peals also could be adjusted according to methods rung. I think there is much more could be said, but I am afraid I have already taken up too much space. I should, however, like to see this question thoroughly discussed at district meetings of all associations.

G. RADLEY.

Wormley.

### FALSE PEALS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is satisfactory to see that the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association will omit from its records the two peals mentioned in last week's issue. May I ask why the same thing was not done in regard to peal No. 1,133 Grandsire Cinques, rung at Painswick on March 28th, 1921, an objection to which was sent (in accordance with instructions in the annual report) to the Master and acknowledged by him? Its falseness was mentioned in 'The Ringing World' in the issue for January 30th, 1931.

W. A. CAVE.

Bristol.

### H. DAINS' FALSE PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS.

Dear Sir,—I regret to say that the 5,043 Stedman Caters, by H. Dains, which the Gloucester and Bristol Association have withdrawn from their records as a false composition, was published on page 216 of 'The Ringing World,' dated October 16th, 1914.

Will conductors please mark these figures 'false' in order to prevent this composition being rung again.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

### GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

#### NOVEMBER GATHERING AT SEALE.

The last district meeting of the year for members of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday in the village of Seale. During the afternoon there was a small gathering, but after service several latecomers arrived to help towards the success of the meeting. Doubles and Minor were practised before service, which was conducted by Canon R. S. Arrowsmith, Rector of Seale. Mr. P. Shrimpton was at the organ, and the singing was led by the choir.

Tea was served in the Jubilee Room by Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. J. Carter, and a company of 25 enjoyed an excellent meal.

The Rector was chairman for the short business meeting which followed.

The retiring district officers were renominated for 1937, with the addition of Mr. T. Denyer, of Aldershot, as assistant secretary.

An apology for absence was received from the District Ringing Master, Mr. R. Hasted, of Farnham, on account of illness.

Votes of thanks were accorded Canon Arrowsmith, the organist and the choir, and the caterers.

Ringing continued in the evening, a variety of methods being rung. Towers represented were Aldershot, Ash, Seale, Bagshot, Bentley, Clandon, Haslemere and one unattached member.

**HITCHIN.**—At St. Mary's Church on Armistice Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. E. Symonds, aged 13 (first quarter-peal) 1, Rev. R. F. R. Routh 2, A. E. Symonds 3, T. R. Scott 4, C. V. Hare 5, H. Else 6, L. Fidler (conductor) 7, E. Winters 8.

### THREE GENERATIONS OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

A FAMILY OF KENT RINGERS.



Mr. T. Groombridge, jun., of Crayford; Mr. F. T. Groombridge; and Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., of Chislehurst. Proposed by his grandfather, Mr. F. T. Groombridge was elected a member of the College Youths last week. Thus the family have three generations in membership with the society.

### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

#### NORTH SHIELDS BELLS TO BE RETUNED AND REHUNG.

What may have been lacking in the quantity of ringers was more than compensated by the quality of ringing during the afternoon and evening at the meeting of the Northern District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association at North Shields on Saturday, November 14th. In fact, not one method was repeated throughout the day. The methods rung were Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, Double Oxford Bob, Forward, Little Bob on eight bells, and Stedman and Kent on ten bells.

Following ten in Carrick's Cafe, there was a business meeting, with Canon Milner, Vicar of North Shields, and Mr. Owbridge, vice-president, in attendance.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Benwell on January 16th, and Councillor Payne's resolution to practise a new method at each meeting was adopted. For the Benwell meeting Double Oxford Bob Minor was the method decided upon. The suggestion to hold a summer meeting at Bamburgh was referred to the next meeting.

Mr. J. Clifton proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and Canon Milner, responding, expressed the hope that North Shields bells would be rehung and returned in time for next year's Coronation.

Members attended from Benwell, Fenham, Gosforth, Gateshead, South Shields, Whitley Bay and the local tower.

### FOG UPSETS MANCHESTER RINGING.

The collections on the last Sunday in October in the Diocese of Manchester are given to the Diocesan Fund at a special service in the Cathedral. This year the service was held on November 23rd and attended by many representatives from various parishes, while others sent apologies for non-attendance owing to the fog. The ringers would not face the fog either, but sufficient to ring the ten bells turned up from the Cathedral, Town Hall, Ashton Parish Church, Prestwich, Reddish, Didsbury and unattached members. Stedman Triples and Grandsire Caters were rung. The ringing was first arranged by the late president two years ago. When the weather is kind as many as 12 to 15 towers are represented, but this year fog upset everything.

### VETERAN LINSLADE RINGER'S DEATH. LIFETIME OF SERVICE TO THE CHURCH.

By the death of Mr. William Vickers on November 18th, St. Barnabas' Church, Linslade, Bucks, has lost an old and valued servant. Only last August he completed half a century as verger, but his connection with the church had lasted for much longer than that. It can truly be said that he gave most of his lifetime of 84 years to the service of the church.

Never a change ringer, he was always ready to help the local band when short-handed by ringing the tenor behind to a touch. His son, Mr. Fred Vickers, has been foreman in St. Barnabas' tower for several years.

Mr. William Vickers had served under five priests at the church, and the esteem in which he was held was exemplified by the large congregation which assembled at the funeral on Monday, November 23rd.

In the evening, as a token of respect, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,344 changes) was rung by Miss R. Prudent 1, F. Dedman 2, F. Vickers 3, H. B. Whitney 4, F. Plummer 5, W. Jeffs 6, J. E. Arnold (conductor) 7, E. Belson 8.

### CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

#### MEETING ARRANGEMENTS OF STOCKPORT BRANCH.

The last meeting of the year of the Stockport Branch was held at Denton on Saturday, when in spite of the fog some 40 members and friends were present. The bells were in use soon after 3 p.m. and a variety of methods rung. Service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. Leighton), who gave a very interesting address. The presence of several members of the choir was greatly appreciated.

After the service a short period was spent in examining the church, which has several interesting features. The ringers then made their way into what is left of the schools (the greater part of them was raised to the ground earlier in the year by a disastrous fire) to partake of tea. The usual business meeting followed, and in his opening remarks the Rector, who was chairman, referred to the presence of Mr. J. Harrison, who was celebrating his 84th birthday that day. They extended to him all the very best of good wishes.

Earlier in the afternoon Mr. Harrison took part in a touch of 108 Bob Minor, ringing the treble exceedingly well.

Reference was made to the passing of Mr. R. Ashmore, of Buxton, and Mr. Ashworth, of Bowdon, and the members stood for a few moments in silence as a tribute to their memory.

The meeting dates for 1937 were discussed and the following were arranged, subject to the approval of the authorities concerned: Annual meeting at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on January 30th; April 10th at Reddish; July 3rd, Poynton, or Knutsford if Poynton is not available; September 25th, Marple; November 27th, Staley St. Paul's.

It was then proposed that a note of congratulation be sent to Mr. E. H. Lewis on his appointment to the Mastership of the College Youths.

The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to the Rector for his services, the local ringers, the ladies who prepared the tea, the organist and the choir, and to anyone who had in any way helped to make the meeting so enjoyable.

A return was then made to the tower, where ringing took place until about 8.30 p.m., when all dispersed to make their way home as best they could through the all-enveloping fog.

### CREWE BRANCH WELCOMED AT SANDBACH.

A very enjoyable meeting of the Crewe Branch took place at Sandbach on Saturday, November 21st, and, in spite of very foggy weather, was very well attended, 27 members being present representing nine towers. Ringing ranged from rounds to Stedman Triples.

The ringers were afterwards entertained to tea by the Ven. Archdeacon J. H. Armitstead, Rector of Sandbach, who after tea made a delightful speech, in which he welcomed the ringers to Sandbach, and expressed the wish that his tower should always be included in the yearly list of meeting places.

The secretary of the branch (Mr. R. D. Langford) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Ven. Archdeacon for the splendid tea and also for the use of the bells. He also made reference to the absence of the leader of the Sandbach ringers, Mr. Charles Mason, who has been ill for some considerable time, and is at present in the Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital undergoing treatment. It is hoped he will make good progress and soon be home and amongst the ringers once more.

Mr. A. Crawley proposed that the secretary send a letter to Mr. Mason, expressing to him the best wishes of the Crewe Branch for his speedy recovery.

Afterwards the ringers adjourned to the heltry, and several touches, ranging from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Major, were much enjoyed under the guidance of the Ringing Master, Mr. G. Biddulph, of Lawton.

**SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.**—On November 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: \*W. Scott 1, S. Gridler 2, H. Herbert 3, W. Lee 4, L. Johnson 5, \*A. Pith 6, D. Elliott (conductor) 7, T. Chimery 8. \* First quarter-peal of Triples.



**HALBERTON BELLS REHUNG.****A HEAVIER TENOR.**

On Saturday, November 21st, the peal of six bells at Halberton Parish Church, Devon, was dedicated by the Bishop of Crediton. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. S. Evans), and the other clergy present included the Revs. H. G. Chalk (Uffculme), R. Carter, R.D. (Witleigh), L. G. Ketchley, R.D. (Hemyock), L. G. Chamberlain, M.C. (Bickleigh), W. Andrews (Willand) and R. F. Bastow (Chawleigh). Every seat in the church was filled. The lessons were read by the Revs. H. G. Chalk and L. G. Ketchley, the latter also acting as Bishop's chaplain.

The Bishop was conducted to the base of the belfry, at the west side of the church, by the churchwardens, Mr. J. W. Clarke and Mr. T. A. Chave, and, after the service of blessing, the bells were chimed by Mr. W. Vinnicombe, a member of the local band.

In an address on 'the mission of the bells,' the Bishop pointed out that bells were used in times of joy and sorrow, but he emphasised the fact that they were primarily a call to worship.

After the service the bells were kept ringing until nearly 9.30 p.m., the ringers taking part being from Halberton, Chawleigh, Lapford, Talaton, Friendship, Rackenford, Cruwys Morchard, Hemyock, Ashbrittle, Burlescombe, Plymtree, Kentisbeare, Cadeleigh, Down St. Mary, Monkton, Bickleigh, Gullompton, Calverleigh, Bampton, Uffculme, Sampford Peverell and Uplowman. There were also representatives from St. Thomas', Exeter, and Dunsford.

The large attendance of representatives from other towers was a source of great satisfaction to Mr. C. Smith, the enthusiastic captain of the Halberton ringers.

The bells have been rehung with ball bearings, and the tenor recast and increased in weight to 17 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. The peal is now in first-class order, reflecting the greatest credit on the bellfounders.

**BELL LECTURE**

Mr. Albert Walker, of Birmingham, gave a lantern lecture on 'Bells and Belfries' to the Shirley Fellowship at the Church Hall, Shirley, on Saturday evening, to an appreciative audience. Messrs. F. E. Haynes, P. Price, M. J. Morris, G. F. Swann and G. E. Fearn assisted with handbell illustrations. Afterwards Mrs. Walker was presented with two beautiful bouquets of chrysanthemums.

**A CENTENARY CELEBRATION**

On Saturday, at the Church of St. Helen, Berrick Salome, Exon, to commemorate the centenary of the first recorded touch on the six bells (120 Doubles, rung on November 28th, 1836, and recorded on a tablet in the tower), 720 Bob Minor was rung by: C. E. Wigg 1, J. W. Wilkins 2, R. Blaby 3, W. G. Collett 4, M. R. Cross (conductor) 5, O. G. Barnard 6.

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**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Ewell on Saturday, December 5th (not the 12th as originally fixed). Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and business meeting in the Mary Wallis Hall. Nominations of district officers for 1937 to be made at this meeting.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Warminster on Saturday, December 5th. Usual arrangements. For tea please advise W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, December 5th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All will be welcome. Please come. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Next meeting, St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on Saturday, December 5th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Special method, Cambridge Court Bob. Meat tea, 1s. each to members, at Express Dairy, High Street, at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridport on Saturday, December 5th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Greyhound Hotel at 5.30, to be followed by meeting, etc. Other towers open: Bradpole (8), Symondsbury and Burton Bradstock (6). All ringers cordially invited to attend.—C. H. Lathey, Sec., Malmaison, Middle Street, Bradpole.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, December 5th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.**—Ring of six restored and two trebles added to complete the octave by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Dedication by the Venerable Archdeacon of Lewes on Saturday, Dec. 5th, at 6 p.m.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Tring on Saturday, December 5th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. District members are particularly asked to attend. Very important. Outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—W. Ayre, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Stony Stratford on Saturday, December 5th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.30 p.m. Hearty welcome to all ringers. Please notify me those requiring tea.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.



**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The next meeting will be at St. Lawrence's, Brentford, on December 5th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m., at Messrs. Druce and Smith, 239, High Street. Discussion on recent 'Ringing World' questionnaire in Church Room at 6 p.m. Isleworth (10), 3 to 4.15 p.m. Brentford (6), 4.15 to 5 p.m., and after tea. Come prepared for special practice in London Surprise Minor and Double Court Bob Minor at the latter tower.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Standish on Saturday, December 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea in school 6d. Please note Secretary's change of address.—S. Forshaw, Branch Sec., 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Ranmoor Church (10 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Take Fulwood bus at Leopold Street, fare 1½d., opposite Town Hall. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Cartmel Priory on Saturday, December 5th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m.—R. N. Newly, Branch Sec., Brewery Mount, Ulveston.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at the Church of the Sacred Heart (R.C.), Blackpool, on Saturday, December 5th. Bells open for ringing 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. only. Business meeting afterwards.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Christchurch District.—The annual meeting will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, December 5th. Bells (12) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at the King's Arms Hotel, P.R.H.A.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 42, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, December 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**BITTON, NEAR BRISTOL.**—The Archdeacon of Bristol will dedicate Bitton Church bells to-morrow (Saturday), Dec. 5th, at 3 p.m. The bells have been rehung in a new framework and augmented to a ring of eight by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Meetings for December: Sunday, Dec. 6th, St. Clement Danes', Strand, 10 a.m. Practices: St. Clement Danes', Dec. 7th and 21st, at 7.30 p.m., and St. Mary, Lambeth, Dec. 29th, at 8 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec., 26, Southway, Raynes Park, S.W. 20.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—N. District.—City meeting, arranged for Dec. 5th, postponed to Dec. 18th. Further details later.—J. G. Prior, Sec.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which enables members who have not attended twenty times, to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 10th and 24th. Southwark Cathedral on the 17th, \*St. Giles's, Cripplegate on the 22nd, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hardwicke on Thursday evening, Dec. 10th. Bells (6) available from 5.30 p.m. Guild service at 6.15 p.m. Meeting and refreshments. All ringers welcome.—F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pontefract on Saturday, December 12th. All Saints' bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Short service in All Saints' Church, 4 p.m. Preacher: Rev. C. C. T. Waters, M.A., Vicar of St. Giles', Pontefract. Tea at 5 p.m. (1/6 each) in Co-operative Cafe. Please advise Mr. H. C. Walters, 8, Elm Terrace, Newgate, Pontefract, by Thursday, December 10th.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Eastwood, Rotherham, on Saturday, December 12th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock at 1s. each. Please notify Mr. N. Chaddock, 33, Bricklands, Broom, Rotherham, by Wednesday, the 9th, for same.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Colchester, on Saturday, December 12th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. All those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible.—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Hotel, Wivenhoe.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District & Romney Marsh & District Guild.—A meeting will be held at Wye on Saturday, December 12th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at the King's Head. All ringers welcome. Kindly send card for tea by December 10th.—Frank Conley, Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at Framlingham on December 12th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea (1s. each) at St. Michael's Rooms, at 4 p.m. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on Saturday, December 12th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by December 9th.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Bath.

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**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of the Cheltenham Branch will be held at Prestbury on Saturday, December 12th. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. Baghot de la Bere), 5.30. Business meeting to follow tea. Acceptances by the 9th.—Walter Yeend, Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Broxham, Saturday, December 12th. Bells available 2.30. Service, if possible, 3.45. Tea 4.30 *sharp* in the Parish Hall. I have made special arrangements with the Post Office to receive postcards (duly stamped) with reference to numbers for tea.—Nolan Golden, Winton, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Rothwell on Saturday, December 12th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea (1s.) at 5 o'clock, but kindly notify Mr. P. Massam, Glenroyd, Royds Lane, Rothwell, by Wednesday, December 9th. Business meeting after tea.—Frank Rayment, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bramley, near Leeds.

**CROYDON PARISH CHURCH.**—The new ring of 12 bells (by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston) will be dedicated by His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury on Saturday, December 12th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. in the Old Palace Banqueting Hall, by kind invitation of the Right Rev. the Bishop of Croydon and churchwardens. Admission by ticket only. Bells available for ringing until 8.30 p.m. Social at the Drill Hall, Union Road (opposite the Bell Foundry), at 8 p.m. Applications for tea tickets to be received not later than Monday, December 7th, by Mr. D. Cooper, 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon. Will those accepting invitation to tea say whether or not they are able to attend the social?

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Caerleon, Mon., on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryon View, Newport, Mon.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—A meeting will be held at Wisbech on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (10) at 3 p.m. Service and tea as usual. Please help to make our last 1936 meeting a great success.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Church Road, Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, Dec. 12th. The bells (10) will be available from 2.45 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Andover District.—The annual meeting will be held at Whitechurch on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in Parish Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Business meeting follows.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cirencester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Cirencester on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Watermoor bells (8) open 3 p.m. Tea (5 p.m.) and business meeting to follow. Service, 6 p.m., in Parish Church. Bells (12) afterwards. Please advise for tea by Dec. 8th.—W. H. Hayward, Branch Hon. Sec., 1, Bowling Green Road, Cirencester.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Eynesbury on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—South Forest Branch.—Annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 12th, at Lydney. Bells (8) open 3.30 p.m. Tea, Church Room, 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Ringers who require tea must let me know by Wednesday, Dec. 9th.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 11, Victoria Road, Lydney, Glos.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at East Haddon (6 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Usual arrangements. Please notify hon. secretary not later than Tuesday previous of those requiring tea.—Geo. A. Hollick, Hon. Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting has been arranged for Laxton (6 bells), near Ollerton, on Dec. 12th. All ringers welcome. Rounds to London Surprise. Please send a card for tea to me before Dec. 9th.—R. Towler, Hon. Sec., Ollerton Road, Retford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. A good attendance is requested. Please look up Minor Methods.—S. Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL GUILD** (Chippenham Branch) will hold their monthly meeting at Colerne (8 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 12th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea after. Will visitors please notify early?—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., 38, Downing Street, Chippenham, Wilts.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sawston on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged. All welcome.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Dodford (6 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

**HERTS ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of the Watford district will be held at Bushey on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Election of secretary and committee. Tower open from 3.30. Tea, etc. Other arrangements later.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—Newport Pagnell Rural Deanery.—A meeting at North Crawley, Saturday, Dec. 12th; 2.30 begin; 4 service; 4.45 tea.—Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Kempston on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (6) ready from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Beds.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whittle-le-Woods on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. A hearty invitation given to all ringers to come and try these splendid bells.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burton-in-Westmorland, on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Tower open for ringing from 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. All members and friends are cordially invited to attend.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec., 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

**BATH AND WELL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Taunton, on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells from 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow in the Corfield Hall. Those requiring tea please notify by previous Tuesday.—P. Merson, Bishops Hull.

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—N. Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Blandford on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Bryanston and Durweston also available. All ringers welcomed.—J. Ralph, Kington Magna, Gillingham, Dorset.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—Annual meeting at Christ Church, Swindon, on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. St. Mark's bells available after tea. A card re tea will oblige.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

**NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Stoke-on-Trent on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea please advise Mr. S. Churton, 11, Lonsdale Street, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs, not later than Dec. 9th? — Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Garston Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec., Alness, Green Leach Avenue, St. Helens.

**BRADSHAW ST. JOHN, HALIFAX.**—The ring of 5 bells given by Eli Fielding, Esq., and installed by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Wakefield on Saturday, Dec. 12th, at 3.15 p.m. A short peal will be rung by ringers of Queensbury Parish Church, who will also ring for about half an hour after the service. There will be light refreshment in the school after the service.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Lincolnshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Washingborough on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. and tea 4.45. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, Dec. 9th. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs.

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Coleman's Hatch (8) on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will all who require tea please notify Mr. D. Divall, Kewins, Hartfield, near Tunbridge Wells, not later than the Wednesday previous to the meeting? Everybody welcome.—G. Lambert, Sec.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—A ringers' service will be held at St. Olave's, Hart Street, London, on Sunday, Dec. 13th, at 6.15 p.m. Ringing from 5 o'clock.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec.

**RUABON, NEAR WREXHAM.**—The ring of six bells which has been rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be re-opened on Sunday, Dec. 13th, at 11 a.m. Preacher, the Archdeacon of Wrexham.

**COSELEY, STAFFS.**—On Thursday, December 17th, at 8 p.m., the Bishop of Stafford will dedicate the ring of eight bells recast and rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Arundel on Saturday, December 19th. Tower open 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at 1/- Half rail fares (maximum 1/6) to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

**CALVERLEIGH, TIVERTON, DEVON.**—On Saturday, Dec. 19th, at 3 p.m., the Bishop of Crediton will re-dedicate the ring of six bells which has been tuned and rehung in a new framework by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Visitors requiring tea please notify Mr. W. Green, Frigwell, Calverleigh, not later than Tuesday, Dec. 15th.

**NEW MILL, NEAR HUDDERSFIELD, YORKS.**—On Monday, Dec. 21st, at 7.30 p.m., the Bishop of Wakefield will re-dedicate the ring of six bells, tuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Preliminary Announcement.—A meeting will be held at Benwell (6 bells) on Jan. 16th at 2.30 p.m. Details later.—K. Arthur, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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