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THE SURPRISE MAJOR METHODS.

One of the chief concerns of the Central Council at the Leeds meeting was the publication of the Surprise Major Methods book, which has been for some time in manuscript form. Everyone who has seen it realises that the Methods Committee has put an immense amount of work into its preparation, work which covers a phase in the development of the science which had not previously been fully explored, and which has been done with patience, skill and efficiency. The bulk of it, of course, is the labour of Mr. J. A. Trollope, who has gone into the whole subject comprehensively, and except that the methods are but a selection from many thousands, the book is an exhaustive treatise on the subject.

There were two main questions before the Council. First, is publication, at present, a reasonably sound commercial proposition in view of the cost? The Council's funds are necessarily limited; it is already committed to the issue of new editions of several other of its publications, which will swallow up a considerable slice of the available cash, and if the Surprise Major book is printed, a further large sum will have to be spent, thus locking up for some long time funds which some members declare could be better spent in other directions, in view of the probable very tardy return which would be received from this new volume. Those who hold this opinion look upon the number of ringers interested in Surprise ringing and likely to purchase a book costing 4s. or 5s. as comparatively small, and must necessarily continue to be an extremely limited section of the Exercise. On the other hand the Methods Committee have sufficient confidence in their work to believe that, apart from the collection of the methods which is given, the letterpress theory, history and the like would be sufficient to create a demand that would justify printing; and in any case the book, if available, would have educational value and be an inducement leading to an increase in the number of Surprise ringers, thus making a widening circle of potential purchasers.

The Council was asked to choose between these two opinions, and eventually accepted a suggestion that the affiliated associations should be invited to come to their aid by providing half the cost, and in return receiving an equivalent number of copies of the book. This scheme, if carried through—and it would impose only a very small drain upon the funds of any association—would have several advantages. Among them it would enable a definitely valuable work to be printed without crippling the resources of the Council; it would give the associations an incentive to encourage the sale of the publica-

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tion. It should also provide an inducement to them to take a more active interest in this very useful and practical side of the Council's work, as well as encouraging generally the ringing of the higher methods. It is to be hoped that the individual associations, when they have to consider the Council's invitation, will view it in its broadest light and give it the wholehearted support which we think it merits.

The other question which cropped up and upon which there is evidently a sharp division of opinion, was whether, in the published book, names should be given to the still unring methods or whether the naming should be left to those who first ring them. Even the committee is divided on this, but, as the book, in any case, cannot be printed until after the next Council meeting, an immediate decision was not called for. It is a question of policy. It has been settled once, but it is certain that it will have to be reconsidered next year.

TEN BELL PEAL.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 16, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 34½ cwt.

*JOHN E. TURLEY... ..	... Treble	REGINALD PAYNE	5
TOM BROTHWELL	2	JOHN H. BROTHWELL	7
T. COLIN RYDER... ..	3	ALBERT NASH	8
SIDNEY F. PALMER	4	†NORMAN CHADDOCK	9
†JOHN J. L. GILBERT	5	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... Tenor	

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.
* First attempt for a peal on ten bells. † First peal of Royal in the method.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GREAT BUDWORTH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 28, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

*HARRY DICKENS... ..	... Treble	†WALTER ALLMAN	5
STANLEY N. HARRISON	2	†HAROLD WORRALL	6
HARRY W. HOWARD	3	ALBERT CRAWLEY	7
FRED ALCOCK	4	CECIL RADDOCK	Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. Rung for the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Howard.

DOWNHAM NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(WISBECH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 28, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMOND,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

ALFRED BACON ... ..	... Treble	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM... ..	5
JOHN GODFREY	2	EDDIE BARKER	6
WALLACE COUSINS	3	CLAUDE COUSINS... ..	7
JACK BUCKENHAM... ..	4	ARTHUR G. BASON	Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by A. G. BASON.
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On Saturday, June 4, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt, 1 qr. 14 lb.

*WILLIAM AYRE Treble	STEDMAN STEELE... .. 5
†WALTER LEACH 2	RONALD H. DOVE... .. 6
EDWARD BRADLEY 3	EDWARD RICKITT 7
MRS. E. BRADLEY 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. The ringers wish to associate this peal with the memory of Mr. A. E. West, of Sutton-on-Hull.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 4, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROLAND BIGGS Treble	*WALTER LEE 5
FREDERICK G. BIGGS 2	THOMAS J. FOWLER 6
PERCY NEWTON 3	†HARRY C. JONES... .. 7
RONALD FOWLER 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

* First attempt for a peal of Major. † First attempt for a peal of Major 'inside.'

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 6, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART. No. 6.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

FRANK LAWRENCE Treble	*LEONARD SHEARBY 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 2	HARRY PRICE 6
*TREVOR NEWBURY 3	CHARLES CAMM 7
EDWARD MAUND... .. 4	HENRY BISHOP Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

* First peal in the method.

LINDLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 6, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*GEORGE W. KELLETT ... Treble	*PHILIP ASPINALL 5
†JOHN TURNER 2	HENRY H. SMITH 6
*PHILIP MOORHOUSE 3	†GEOFFREY GEE 7
*PETER ASPINALL 4	†WILLIAM HARGREAVES ... Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by JOHN TURNER.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 6, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

HERBERT W. KNIGHT ... Treble	EDWARD J. AVERY 5
JOHN THOMAS 2	ERNEST F. SHEARN 6
MRS. J. THOMAS 3	LEONARD DERRICK 7
*ALFRED J. PEACOCK 4	NORMAN H. COOMBS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal on eight bells.

PENTRE RHONDDA, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 6, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

ALFRED W. HEATH Treble	GEORGE POPNELL 5
GEORGE PAGE 2	TOM PAGE 6
ERNEST STITCH 3	WILLIAM PAGE 7
JOSEPH LOVETT 4	WILLIAM ROBERTS Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

Arranged as a wedding peal for Miss Dorothy M. Heath and Mr. William T. Llewellyn, who were married on June 5th at St. Dyfrig's Church, Cardiff; and as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. W. Heath, mother of the bride.

RUARDEAN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Monday, June 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

ERNEST T. ALLAWAY ... Treble	C. HOWARD STANLEY 5
JOHN S. MASON 2	THOMAS H. REEVES 6
FRANK E. HAYNES 3	FRED PRICE 7
SIDNEY O'C HOLLOWAY ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by W. WILLSON. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

HILGAY, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 6, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5036 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

JACK BUCKENHAM... .. Treble	HECTOR HALLIDAY 5
ALFRED BACON 2	EDDIE BARKER 6
GEORGE JOHNSON... .. 3	JOHN GODFREY 7
WILLIAM BUCKENHAM... .. 4	ARTHUR G. BASON Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. G. BASON.

A birthday compliment to Hector Halliday.

ENDERBY, NEAR LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 7, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

*ARTHUR WILLIAMS ... Treble	*W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... 5
CHARLES MARSHALL 2	PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM 6
WILLIAM A. WOOD 3	*ARTHUR H. DEBENHAM 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 4	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*RAYMOND WOOD... .. Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE 5
*HAROLD F. WOOD 2	ERNEST J. AYLIFFE 6
*CECIL H. WOOD 3	RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. 7
ALFRED H. PULLING... .. 4	*ERNEST HOWELL Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

OLIVER SIPPETTS ... ..	...Treble	ALBERT E. LAKER	5
NELSON ELLIOTT	2	JACK M. CRIPPS	6
KENNETH SNELLING	3	WILLIAM T. BRESON	7
ALFRED J. BULL	4	RONALD H. BULLEN	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 11, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

F. GEORGE BAILEY ... ..	...Treble	JOSEPH W. COITON	5
ERNEST W. BRADSMORE	2	JACK BAILEY	6
HORACE MOULT	3	HOWARD HOWELL	7
WILLIAM LANCASTER	4	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by A. E. ROWLEY.

First peal of Major as conductor. Rung on St. Barnabas' Day as a birthday compliment to Mr. Barnabas G. Key, Master of the Arch-deaconry of Stafford Society.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 11, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

WALTER ELSEY ... ..	...Treble	STANLEY W. COPLING	5
FREDERICK C. ROPER	2	FREDERICK W. MUNNINGS	6
FREDERICK C. GUNTON	3	RUSSELL RICHES	7
CHARLES W. LOOME	4	ERNEST WHITING	Tenor

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 11, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

COLIN HARRISON ... ..	...Treble	HARRY BROUGHTON	5
*GEOFFREY HARRISON	2	KENNETH A. ROE	6
JOSEPH A. FENTON	3	SIDNEY CHENEY	7
SHIRLEY BURTON	4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER	Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.

* First Surprise peal 'inside.' Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. H. Wain, of Leicester.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 11, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM J. GROOM ... ..	...Treble	ERNEST S. BAILEY	5
JAMES BETTS	2	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY	6
JAMES G. RUMSEY	3	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL	7
ERNEST F. POPPY	4	JAMES M. BAILEY	Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

A birthday compliment to J. G. Rumsey.

CLUN, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 11, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F.

*WILLIAM J. PREECE ... ..	...Treble	FRANCIS EVANS	5
JOHN J. PRICE	2	*LESLIE EVANS	6
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS	3	ERNEST F. SALMONS	7
ERNEST H. MEREDITH	4	ARTHUR C. NASON	Tenor

Conducted by E. F. SALMONS.

* First peal on eight bells.

POULTON-LE-FYLDE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FYLDE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 11, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

HARRY C. INGRAM ... ..	...Treble	JOSEPH SWIFT	5
BERNARD H. HALL	2	JOHN H. FOSTER	6
STEPHEN LAWRENSON	3	*RUFUS COWELL	7
PETER CROOK, SEN.	4	CHARLES SHARPLES	Tenor

Composed by G. CROSS.

Conducted by C. SHARPLES.

* First peal of Major. First peal on the eight bells, which were augmented by the addition of two trebles in October, 1937. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. W. S. Mellor, M.A.), who has recently been appointed Rector of Standish, Lancs.

OTLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 11, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM WOODHEAD ... ..	...Treble	GEORGE ROBINSON	5
FRANK RAYMENT	2	FREDERICK W. DIXON	6
JAMES A. TEALE	3	HARRY DAVISON	7
*KENNETH SIMPSON	4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

* First peal in the method.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 11, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE WHITING ... ..	...Treble	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN	5
JOHN H. ARBON	2	T. WILLIAM LAST	6
GEORGE PRYKE	3	ALBERT E. WHITING	7
GEORGE WIGHTMAN	4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	Tenor

Conducted by G. WHITING.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. James Bennett, jun., one of the service band, to Miss Florence Kate Manning, of Helmingham.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 11, 1938, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in D.

HENRY W. GAYTON ... ..	...Treble	*STANLEY S. WALLIS	5
HERBERT L. HARLOW	2	*JOHN CHURCH	6
*C. HENRY HARDING	3	ALBERT FLEET	7
HORACE H. SMITH	4	LEWIS H. BYWATERS	Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS.

Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

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On Saturday, June 11, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

JOHN W. FAITHFUL Treble	RICHARD BROWN 5
*LESLIE TREMEER 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 6
MRS. C. H. KIPPIN 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
REGINALD A. REED 4	HAROLD P. REED Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by R. A. REED.

* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss I. F. M. Young to Mr. J. P. Burnett.

HOWDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 11, 1938, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 22½ cwt.

ROBERT H. VIGOR Treble	HORACE S. MORLEY 5
MRS. E. BRADLEY 2	ERNEST BRITAIN 6
GEORGE E. FEIRN 3	JACK BRAY 7
EDWARD BRADLEY 4	RONALD H. DOVE Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. Arthur E. West, for several years vice-president of the Yorkshire Association.

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 11, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
GEORGE A. NAYLOR 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT 6
WILLIAM SPICE 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 7
HERBERT A. HOLDEN 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 11, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ERNEST J. KING Treble	*THOMAS H. FRANCIS 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	FRANK SKEVINGTON 6
MISS OLIVE L. ASHBROOK 3	ARTHUR HARDING 7
FRANCIS D. BISHOP 4	†FREDERICK W. WICKS Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal in the method and on more than five bells. † First peal on eight bells. Rung to celebrate the 50th birthday of Mr. Frederick W. Wicks.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

On Saturday, June 18, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

MRS. P. HUMPHREY Treble	MRS. R. F. DEAL 5
*MRS. J. E. DAVIS 2	*MRS. J. BOTHAM 6
MRS. F. W. HOUSDEN 3	MRS. G. W. FLETCHER 7
†MISS GWEN KIPPIN 4	MISS HILDA G. SNOWDEN Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by MRS. G. W. FLETCHER

* First peal in the method. † First peal of London Surprise Major. First peal in the method for the Guild.

A VICAR'S MEMORIAL.

On the occasion of the dedication of a memorial to the late Canon M. C. H. Collet, for 17 years Vicar of Frensham, Surrey, a 720 of Grandsire Doubles was rung before the service on Sunday, May 22nd: E. A. Case 1, G. Ackerman 2, Miss D. I. Aslett 3, D. W. Dadson 4, A. J. Chuter (conductor) 5, E. J. Heath 6.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BARNBY DON, NEAR DONCASTER.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, June 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Capel, Burton, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 10 cwt.

CYRIL COOK Treble	HAROLD CHANT 4
WILLIE GREEN 2	ARTHUR GILL 5
ARTHUR PANTHER 3	DANIEL SMITH Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

DINTING VALE, GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 7, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising an extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

ERIC E. SPEAKE Treble	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY 4
HAROLD SMITH 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON 5
JACK BAILEY 3	BARNABAS G. KEY Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

SLAUGHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Rung with 4-6-8 behind.

S. THISTLETON Treble	H. BAILEY 5
G. AGNEW 2	L. FRANCIS 6
E. THISTLETON 3	F. GODSMARK 7
J. MANSBRIDGE 4	B. GORRINGE Tenor

Conducted by F. GODSMARK.

First peal at this church by a local band, all of whom are service ringers. First peal by all except ringers of the 7th and 4th.

SUTTON-ON-HULL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 8, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 13½ cwt.

EDWARD DOVE Treble	CLEMENT ROBINSON 4
HARRY RODMELL 2	JOHN W. HOBSON 5
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS 3	LEONARD RODMELL Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Arthur E. West and of Robert Robinson, father of the ringer of the fourth.

DALWOOD, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, June 9, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.).

REV. C. CAREW COX Treble	HENRY G. KEELEY 4
REV. E. V. COX 2	HENRY J. ROWE 5
*REV. J. H. B. ANDREWS 3	CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL Tenor

Conducted by REV. C. CAREW COX.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

BOSBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 11, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE DETACHED TOWER OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six 120's of Plain Bob, 12 of Canterbury Pleasure, and 12 240's of Grandsire by Pitman and Morris. Tenor 18 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER BOWERS Treble	*HENRY J. HILL 4
ROLAND LEWIS 2	JAMES P. HYETT 5
C. WILLIAM NUTT 3	*EDGAR BISHOP Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal. First peal in three methods of Doubles on the bells.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
(HADLEIGH DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, June 11, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Plain Bob, Double Court, Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

RONALD W. STEWARD...	...Treble	HARRY J. MEE	...	...	4
FRANK ROLFE	...	2	EDGAR RIVERS	...	5
CHARLES MEE	...	3	JOHN C. G. HAGGER	...	Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR RIVERS.

Rung in honour of the visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent to Ipswich on Wednesday, June 8th.

NAYLAND, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 11, 1938, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents each called differently. Tenor 18 cwt. (approx.).

ALAN R. ANDREWS	...	...Treble	HARRY J. MILLATT	...	4
*MRS. L. WRIGHT	...	2	CHARLES A. ANDREWS	...	5
MISS ELEANOR REEVE	...	3	LESLIE WRIGHT	...	Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

* First peal 'inside.'

STOCKTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 11, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Chad,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 13 cwt. 20 lb.

ROBERT MATTHEWS	...	...Treble	BERNARD ASHFORD	...	4
JOHN BASS	...	2	RICHARD INSTOW	...	5
WILLIAM HODNETT	...	3	PERCY RICHARDS	...	Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

PEBMARSH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(St. Andrew's Guild, Earls Colne.)

On Saturday, June 11, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 18 methods: (1) Oxford Bob and Hereward; (2) London Bob, Lytham, Thelwall and Double Oxford; (3) Reverse Bob and Canterbury Pleasure; (4) Double and Plain Bob; (5) Double and Single Court; (6) College Single, Wavertree, Childwall and St. Clement's; (7) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B flat.

HARRY CARTER	...	...Treble	ALBERT L. DIKEY	...	4
VICTOR MORLEY	...	2	ALRC M. GENERY	...	5
REGINALD G. SIMMONDS	...	3	RALPH BIRD	...	Tenor

Conducted by R. BIRD.

There were 110 changes of method. First peal in 18 methods by all. A wedding compliment to the ringer of the treble.

ABBEY DORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Cistercian Abbey Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 differently called 240's by Lindoff, Pitman and Morris.
Tenor 9 cwt.

ALBERT G. PASSEY	...	...Treble	JAMES P. HYETT	...	4
TRACEY H. YOUNG	...	2	ALBERT E. JONES	...	5
WILLIAM A. KITSON	...	3	HORACE D. WRIGHT	...	Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

RAYNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents with different callings. Tenor 7 cwt.

*JOHN CHALLIS	...	...Treble	REGINALD G. SIMMONDS	...	4
RALPH BIRD	...	2	RONALD SUCKLING	...	5
GEOFFREY EVERETT	...	3	VICTOR MORLEY	...	Tenor

Conducted by R. SUCKLING.

* First peal.

PEAL NOTES.

LADIES' PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE.

At last the first peal of London Surprise Major by eight ladies has been accomplished, at Harlow Common on June 18th. The men will heartily congratulate them.

There have been seven attempts in all for a ladies' peal in this method, two at Crayford, one at Ewell, two at Great Baddow, and two at Harlow Common, extending over about six or seven years. Of the original band at Crayford, only two were in the present peal, viz., Mrs. Deal and Mrs. Fletcher.

The band who scored the peal were the same as at Great Baddow, with the exception of Mrs. R. Richardson, who was prevented at the last minute from standing in the first attempt at Harlow Common, and whose place was taken by Miss Kippin.

The band wish to thank Mr. G. Green, of Great Baddow for his kindness in welcoming the band to Great Baddow on two occasions and for entertaining them, and also the Vicar, Mr. Dudley Ward (churchwarden) and the ringers of Harlow Common for their kind hospitality on the last two occasions. Thanks are also due to those members of the Guild who have stood in previous attempts.

A peal of Bob Major, which the ringers wish to associate with the late Mr. Arthur E. West, of Sutton, near Hull, was rung at Escrick, Yorks, on June 4th. We referred last week to the passing of this much respected member of the Yorkshire Association and former vice-president. He was well known for his generous and hospitable nature and will be greatly missed. A half-muffled peal of Minor was rung at Mr. West's own parish church on June 8th.

Mr. William Ayre and Mr. Walter Ayre rang the treble and tenor respectively to the peal at Escrick. Another of the band was Mr. Edward Rickitt, and it was 25 years since he and Mr. Walter Ayre had previously rung a peal together.

At Howden, Yorkshire, a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples was also rung on June 11th as a token of respect. Mr. West was well known in North Lincolnshire, and some of his friends from across the River Humber took part in the memorial peal.

The first peal on the bells by the Yorkshire Association at Barnby Don, near Doncaster, was rung on Whit Monday in seven Treble Bob Minor methods.

BIRMINGHAM RINGERS IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

The peal of Double Norwich Major rung by St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham at Ruardean, Gloucestershire, on Whit Monday, was arranged at the suggestion of Mr. E. T. Allaway, who was born at Ruardean, and by invitation of the local ringers. The first recorded peal on the original ring of six bells was rung on Whit Monday, 1836, in 3 hours 37 minutes, being 6,480 changes in the Grandsire and Old Double method. The present ring of eight was installed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1905. The bells are not unmusical, and 'go' well, but call for skilful handling.

A ninth Birmingham ringer, not unrelated to the tenorman, accompanied the party, and listened to the peal—which, incidentally, was the quickest on the bells—with some of the local band. At the end of the peal he was enthusiastic in his praise—of their home-made wine!

Mr. Charles Slingsby, of Aldington, Kent, had, among other compliments, a peal rung in honour of his 101st birthday at Downham, Norfolk, by members of the Ely Diocesan Association on May 28th.

A birthday peal for Mr. Hector Halliday, rung at Hilgay, Norfolk, by the Ely Association, on June 6th, was Mr. Jack Buckenham's fiftieth peal.

The congratulations of the band were extended to Mr. Harry Dickens, who rang in the peal at Great Budworth on May 28th. It was his first attempt for a peal and he is 67 years of age. Mr. Dickens has been a Sunday service ringer for 52 years. His performance is more praiseworthy because the band he is with ring only 'stone.'

A peal in 18 Minor methods was rung at Pebmarsh, Essex, as a wedding compliment to Mr. Harry Carter. The ringers were members of St. Andrew's Guild, Earls Colne, as well as of the Essex Association, and it was the first peal in 18 methods by them all. In the peal the method was changed 110 times and there were 76 bobs and 24 singles.

Mr. Fred Dixon, of Guiseley, Yorks, called a peal of Stedman Triples at Otley on June 11th. It was ten years since he last called a peal of Stedman Triples.

After a peal of Bob Minor at Stockton, Shropshire, the ringers were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Inston, sen., and they desire to thank them for the hospitality.

Reginald Reed, one of the young members of the North Stoneham, Hants, band, called his first peal on June 11th, when a peal of Bob Major was rung for the wedding of Miss I. F. M. Young and Mr. J. P. Burnett, who were married at North Stoneham Church just prior to the peal.

Mrs. C. H. Kippin, of Croydon, took part in this peal, while her husband was away peal hunting in the extreme north of England. Although this accomplished lady ringer has rung all sorts of Surprise methods on eight and ten bells, this was her first peal of Bob Major away from the treble—another proof that in these days ringers do not always advance by easy stages, but often have to step back a long way to 'clean up' simple stuff.

Mr. Fred Wicks, of Wimbledon, Surrey, rang his first peal on eight bells to celebrate his fiftieth birthday when he 'covered' a peal of Stedman Triples on June 11th at Twickenham.

(Continued in next column.)

THREE SUFFOLK RINGERS.

(Continued from previous column.)

There are some points of more than passing interest in the peal of Minor rung at Sproughton, Suffolk, on June 11th. It was in honour of the visit of the Duke of Kent to Ipswich on June 8th, when, at a gathering of Suffolk societies at which H.R.H. was present, the Suffolk Guild was represented by Messrs. Charles Mee, Edgar Rivers and Frank Rolfe.

It was in Sproughton tower that Mr. Mee learnt to ring 60 years ago. Mr. Mee, and his brothers, had to pay two members of St. Mary-le-Tower company to teach them one night a week. In 1897, with a new treble added to make six, Mr. Mee taught Edgar Rivers and Frank Rolfe to ring.

Between the years 1900 and 1910 Mr. Mee used to walk to Menley, six miles away, two or three times a week after a day's work to ring peals with others of the band, so it is quite true, as we are reminded, that modern young men and women are not the first to suffer from peal fever.

The peal on Saturday week, by the way, was the first by a local band at this church for about five years.

The birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. H. Wain, of Leicester, was celebrated by a peal of Cambridge Surprise at Loughborough Bell Foundry on June 11th. Mr. Wain is a member of Leicester Cathedral band. In this peal Mr. Colin Harrison's young son, Geoffrey, rang his first Surprise peal 'inside.' He is barely 14 years of age.

In honour of the wedding of their colleague, Mr. James Bennett, jun., the Helmingham, Suffolk, ringers rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at their Parish Church immediately after the ceremony on June 11th.

Mr. Horace H. Smith, secretary of the band at St. James', Husborne Crawley, where Canon A. Rust, president of the Bedfordshire Association, is Vicar and a ringer, has 'completed the circle' in his own tower by ringing the fourth to a peal of Bob Major on June 11th.

Mr. William C. Rumsey, of Debenham, rang his 450th peal on June 11th when he called a peal of Superlative at his home tower, and started on the 'circle' for the thirteenth time. It was Mr. E. F. Poppy's 350th peal and a birthday compliment to Mr. James G. Rumsey, of Leiston, who also took part in the peal.

'Distance no object' can be truly applied to the band who rang the peal of Minor at Dinting Vale Church, Glossop, on Whit Tuesday, for over 200 miles was recorded before the conductor and car reached home again.

It is ten years since a peal was rung on these bells, and thanks are due to Mr. Richardson, the local captain, for having everything in readiness for the visitors. The band also wish to thank the Rev.

J. O. M. Dawson Bowling for the use of the bells and for his kind hospitality after the peal.

A peal of Bob Major, rung at Measham, Leicestershire, on St. Barnabas' Day (June 11th) was a birthday compliment to Mr. Barnabas G. Key, Ringing Master of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

St. Chad's Church, Poulton, Lancashire, where the first peal on the augmented bells was rung on June 11th, is one of the oldest churches in the Fylde. Though there is no authentic record, tradition says it gets its name from the Saxon Bishop of Mercia, whose seat was at Chester in A.D. 669. The first Vicarage was constituted in 1175, the income being ten marks, about £6, and a house. This dropped to £2 in 1322 and rose to £7 in the next century. The valuation included tithes on salt, flax and hemp, manufactured in the district. When Henry VIII. dissolved the monasteries and took possession of the churches, records mention the tower and three bells.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells for 110 years, a peal of Minor was rung at Nayland, Suffolk, on June 11th. The previous peal (as far as is known) was also Bob Minor, rung on July 12th, 1828, in which two local men, John and William Winney, took part. A more famous member of this family has been among the great figures of London ringing, although advancing years now curtail his activities. Challis Winney, of the St. Paul's Cathedral band, was born at Nayland in 1858.

Slaugham, near the northern border of the county, has one of the newest rings of eight in Sussex and a local band has been built up there. On June 8th they rang a peal of Grandsire Doubles with 4-6-8 behind, the first peal by all except two of the band.

Miss Dorothy M. Heath, daughter of Mr. A. W. Heath, was married on June 5th at St. Dyfrig's Church, Cardiff, to Mr. William T. Llewellyn. On the following day a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Pentre Rhondda in honour of the event and also to celebrate the birthday of the bride's mother. The bride's father took part in the peal and afterwards the ringers enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Heath, when opportunity was taken to extend congratulations and good wishes to the newly-married pair, and 'many happy returns' to Mrs. Heath.

Mr. Ernest Stitch, who called the peal, has now rung each bell in St. Peter's tower, Pentre, to a peal, and Mr. William Roberts, who rang the tenor, scored his first peal for 18 years.

Three clergy took part in a peal of Minor at Dalwood, Devon, on June 9th.

Mr. Sidney F. Palmer, of Sheffield, hon. treasurer of the Yorkshire Association, has rung every one of the ten bells in All Saints' Church, Rotherham, to a peal. He finished the 'circle' with a peal of Little Bob Royal on June 16th.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Four ringers, travelling by road from the Midlands to Exeter, on Saturday, pulled up for refreshment at a lonely roadside hotel at Bream Bridge, a few miles from Taunton. Hanging in the bar they noticed, to their surprise, a set of handbells. Naturally interested, they made inquiries. Both 'mine host' and his wife (Mr. and Mrs. C. Knowles) proved to be ringers, although now cut off from any convenient tower. But they are still interested—and produced to the visitors a current copy of 'The Ringing World.'

At the break-up of the gathering after the peal attempt at Exeter, the four travellers returned to spend the night at the Bream Bridge Hotel. Such is the fraternity among ringers.

A well-known Eastern Counties ringer was married at Helmingham on June 11th. Mr. James Bennett, jun., one of the service band at Helmingham and a nephew of Mr. James Bennett, of London, who has been one of the Suffolk ringers who have achieved such wonderful success in ringing new Surprise methods, was married to Miss Florence Kate Manning, also of Helmingham.

Apocryphal paragraph in this column last week concerning the two members of the Central Council who cycled to Leeds, we learn that the lady who 'biked' from Cambridge was more fortunate than the gentleman from London. While, owing to a slight sprain, he had to send his machine back by rail, the lady completed the return trip on two wheels.

The journey from Leeds to Cambridge occupied 15½ hours, two hours on Tuesday evening and 13½ on Wednesday. This enjoyable ride, she says, was a fitting close to an unforgettable week-end in Yorkshire.

The Surrey Association meeting at Bletchingley, arranged for tomorrow, has had to be postponed.

There was an excellent attendance at the annual meeting of the Sussex County Association at Horsham on Saturday, when it was decided to have two collections a year in each district for the Benevolent Fund. A report of the meeting will appear in our next issue.

The friends of Mr. Albert J. Hughes will hear with regret that he is at present in Ward 2 of Bradford Royal Infirmary. Mr. Hughes has been in indifferent health for some time past, and, acting upon medical advice, has entered the Infirmary for treatment. The latest reports are that he is making satisfactory progress.

THE USE OF CHURCH BELLS.

A SERMONETTE.

By W. H. R. TREWHELLA, VICAR OF ST. PAUL'S, TRURO.

Text, Luke xiv., 18—And they all with one consent began to make excuse.

To-day is St. John the Baptist's day. The ringers of St. Simon, Stylites, desire to attempt a peal of Stedman Triples. Permission to use St. Simon's bells has been obtained from the Vicar, but an excuse must be found for attempting a peal. It is St. John's day! No, we don't attempt a peal on all red letter saints' days, but it is an excuse.

A week later a peal is recorded in 'The Ringing World' by the local band of St. Simon, Stylites: rung in honour of the Feast of the Nativity of St. John Baptist, and (a happy afterthought) to commemorate the birth of the vice-captain's second daughter. The latter event took place some ten days before.

It is right to ring peals, but why need we 'all with one consent' begin to make excuse?

PEAL OCCASIONS.

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. A. R. C. Poyntz's letter on peal tributes, I agree that some peals are rung to celebrate events which are mundane, but the art of change ringing is itself mundane, and peals are rung usually to improve that art, no matter what is attached to the peal.

Furthermore, surely a peal in honour of the inventor of shorthand ranks as a national memory, seeing that Sir Isaac's invention has given employment of a national if not a universal character hitherto unknown, and without which the world of to-day would be greatly retarded.

F. E. PITMAN.

Bromley, Kent.

LADY RINGER'S BEREAVEMENTS.

DEATH OF MR. W. FISHER, ALDERSHOT.

The death occurred at his residence on Friday, June 10th, at the age of 80 years, of Mr. William Fisher, who was for many years captain of the Aldershot company. He was a ringer when there were only three bells in the tower, and in 1913, after this number had been increased to six, Mr. Fisher rang his first and only peal. His two sons and his daughter became ringers, one of the sons, Mr. George Fisher, being killed in the Great War, and the other, Mr. Will Fisher, passing away suddenly in January of this year. Mr. Fisher's wife predeceased him only five weeks ago, and much sympathy is felt with Miss A. Fisher, their daughter, in her sorrow. Miss Fisher is a member of the local company and was for a number of years tower secretary. Her father had taken no active part in the ringing for some years, but he was always greatly interested in the affairs of the local tower.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, June 15th, at Aldershot Cemetery, and in the evening a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by Miss B. Stewart 1, Miss E. Southby 2, Miss H. F. Mills 3, P. L. Eldridge 4, W. Denyer 5, R. J. Whitford 6, C. W. Denyer (conductor) 7, R. Jones 8.

LEADING CONDUCTORS—24.**HAROLD J. POOLE.**

Among the most brilliant of the post-war products of the Exercise has been Harold Poole, of Leicester, now an Inspector in the Leicester City Police Force. Born at Lutterworth on October 21st, 1902, he began ringing at St. Martin's, Leicester (now the Cathedral), in December, 1919, under Mr. Fred Dexter, the Ringing Master. No pupil could have had a more able or more exacting tutor, and no tutor a more apt pupil. Harold Poole quickly showed great promise and his progress was almost phenomenal. In six months he rang his first peal, Stedman Triples at Stoney Stanton; twelve months later (on July 9th, 1921) he called his first peal, Cambridge Surprise Major from an 'inside' bell—also at Stoney Stanton. Encouraged by his instructor, he went rapidly ahead. In both tower and handbell ringing he proved himself a brilliant leader.

Mr. Poole joined the Leicester City Police Force in 1925, and his peal ringing opportunities were naturally very much curtailed as a consequence. From 1920 to 1925 he rang no fewer than 214 peals, but from 1926 to 1938 he has taken part in only 119. Of his total, he has rung 279 peals on tower bells and 54 on handbells, of which he has conducted 140 tower bell peals and 42 handbell peals.

Some of the more interesting performances in which he has taken part have been the first peals of Cambridge Surprise Royal, Goldsborough Surprise Royal and New Cambridge Surprise Royal for the Midland Counties Association; the 13,440 Bob Major at Loughborough Bell Foundry on April 8th, 1922, and 10,400 of 'Real Double' Superlative on the same bells on May 6th, 1922. In addition to these he conducted the first peals of Leicester Surprise Royal, Pudsey Surprise Royal, York Surprise Royal and Melton Surprise Royal for the Midland Counties Association, while Stoney Stanton was the scene of another of his memorable performances when, on April 28th, 1923, he conducted the record length of 12,896 Cambridge Surprise Major.

Mr. Poole was the first ringer to call peals of Cambridge on six, eight, ten and twelve bells. He has also conducted peals of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques on handbells from all working pairs, and on each occasion the first peal was the first by all the band.

In August, 1931, on the occasion of the ringers' pilgrimage to the Menin Gate, he conducted a peal of Stedman Caters on handbells at Ostende—the first peal of Caters rung on the Continent. In the same week he conducted the first peal of Caters rung in France (Stedman Caters on handbells at Dunkerque). Of his 333 peals, 193 have been in Surprise methods—three of Minor, 145 Major, 38 Royal and seven Maximus.

Formerly Mr. Poole was hon. secretary of the Leicester District of the Midland Counties Association. He was one of the founders of the National Guild of Police Ringers and has been hon. secretary and treasurer of the Guild since its inception in 1931. Prior to the dedication of the new peal of twelve bells at Leicester Cathedral for the Coronation, he was elected Ringing Master of the Cathedral band, in succession to his old tutor, and is still in office.

In the police force Mr. Poole's promotion has been rapid, and he holds the rank of Inspector at an unusually early age.

Next week: Mr. Herbert Knight.



MR. HAROLD J. POOLE.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT GIGGLESWICK.**

The Western Division of the Yorkshire Association was extremely fortunate in having delightful weather for the summer meeting at St. Akelda's, Giggleswick, on Saturday, June 18th, when about 100 members attended from a very wide area. As Giggleswick is situated on the extreme border of the county and in an area where meetings are not very frequent, it was thought in some quarters to be difficult to obtain an adequate attendance. However, a special effort was made to attract the members, with the result that a record attendance was secured, which only goes to show that interest in change ringing is far from dying, as some would have us to believe. Except for one rather heavy shower, the weather was ideal, and the visitors were able to take advantage of the many beautiful walks in this delightful district. During the afternoon and evening, the Vicar and churchwardens kindly conducted parties through the 'Chapel on the Hill' belonging to the Giggleswick Public School, and this, in itself, was well worth the visit. The chapel, which is built on a foundation of solid rock, is an imposing sight, but when the inside is entered, one is staggered by the amazing beauty of the interior decorations and the lavishness which has been bestowed upon it. The dome, which resembles St. Paul's (although much smaller), cannot fail to arouse admiration, as also does the beautiful stained glass window of the 'Creation.'

A short service was held in the church during the afternoon, at which the Rev. J. G. Forster, M.A., gave a most interesting address. This was followed by an excellent tea, provided by the generosity of the local company, in the Parish Room. It is interesting to note that out of 89 who sat down for tea, over 80 had sent in their names previously. This in itself is worthy of special notice, as on many previous occasions the members have been reprimanded for failing to carry out this small act of courtesy.

A most interesting feature of the day's proceedings was the demonstration by Mr. G. F. Woodhouse, of Sedburgh, of his latest ringing machine. Mr. Woodhouse explained the working of this very complicated instrument and proceeded to ring touches of numerous plain and Surprise methods, concluding with a touch of Spliced Surprise. The members were greatly interested in the wonderful invention, and the president, Canon Marshall, expressed the association's thanks to Mr. Woodhouse for his kindness in bringing and demonstrating his machine.

A CONTRAST.

At the business meeting which followed, Canon Marshall (who was in the chair) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for kindly granting the use of the bells and for their wonderful welcome. He spoke of his early association with Giggleswick, although this was as a footballer and not a ringer. He also expressed his pleasure at the number of members present.

The Vicar, in replying, said how delighted they were at the visit of the association to Giggleswick, and he hoped the members would thoroughly enjoy themselves. He and the wardens thought a great deal of their ringers and of their bells, and he was proud to know they were members of the association.

Mr. Leslie Morris (hon. general secretary) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the local company for their splendid arrangements, and to the ladies who so kindly waited at the tea tables.—This was seconded by Mr. Helliwell and carried with enthusiasm.—Mr. Silverwood replied for the local company and voiced his appreciation of the wonderful gathering present, remarking that at the previous meeting some ten years ago only about six members turned up. As the meeting had been so successful, he hoped the association would come again in a few years and they could be sure of a hearty welcome.

Six new members were elected as follows: G. E. Turner, of Northorham; Wilfred Stead and Albert Clayden, of Tadcaster; E. A. Goddard, of Gargrave; H. Staniforth, of Skipton; and G. F. Woodhouse, of Sedburgh.

An invitation to hold the next quarterly meeting had been received from Earlsheaton, and it was unanimously decided to accept this, and to make the usual arrangements.

After the meeting members entertained the ladies with touches on the handbells, whilst others adjourned to the tower for further ringing. The bells of St. Akelda are rung from the ground floor, and though there is a rather long draught of rope, the visitors were not inconvenienced and a variety of methods were rung throughout the afternoon and evening, ranging from Plain Bob to Superlative, until finally they were lowered in peal after 9 o'clock. It was noticed that a special pew had been set aside in the church especially for the 'change ringers,' and also that the Church Magazines showed the ringers amongst the officers of the church. This latter, though only a small feature, definitely gives the ringers a 'standing' in the church for which they work.

The following towers were represented at the meeting: Armley, Bolton (Bradford), Bradford Cathedral, Bramley, Burley, East Ardsley, Gargrave, Giggleswick, Guiseley, Haworth, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Idle, Ilkley, Keighley, Kildwick, Leeds Parish Church, Oxenhope, Pudsey, Sedburgh, Silsden and Skipton.

DEATH OF DARTFORD'S 'CHARTER' MAYOR

A half-muffled quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Dartford on Friday, June 3rd, in memory of the late Alderman A. J. Penney, a respected citizen of Dartford, who was Charter Mayor of the borough in 1933.

In 1917 he had Dartford bells recast and rehung as a memorial to his parents, and it was fitting that they should ring out half-muffled on the evening of the day of his interment. The ringers were J. Wheadon 1, J. R. Lambkin 2, Mrs. J. E. Bailey 3, G. J. Butcher 4, F. F. Walker 5, N. Summerhayes 6, J. E. Bailey (conductor) 7, R. A. Jenkins 8.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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THE SURPRISE MAJOR BOOK.

Associations to be asked for Financial Help.

Mr. G. Lindoff, for the Peal Collection Committee, reported that he had now received all the compositions back from the members of the committee, but not soon enough to enable them to be presented at that meeting. They were now being got into order, and the final scrutiny as to truth, etc., would occupy some time. There was nothing to delay handing them in at the next meeting.

The report was adopted on the motion of Mr. Lindoff, seconded by Mr. G. R. Newton.

Mr. J. A. Trollope proposed and Mr. S. H. Wood seconded the following report of the Methods Committee: We beg to report that the proofs of the third edition of the Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods have been passed during the past year, and the book should be on sale shortly. We also remind the Council that the manuscript of the book on Surprise Major Methods is ready for publication as soon as financial considerations permit.

The report was adopted.

The President said the Standing Committee would like to obtain the views of the Council as to the possible demand for the Surprise method book. The position was this: The Standing Committee was authorised to print it if they considered that the time was right as regards finances. In order to give them some guidance they would like the views of the Council as to the probable demand. The book was fairly extensive and could not be printed at a cost which would enable it to be published at less than 4s. or 5s.; the amount depended on the number that could be printed, and that, in turn, depended on the demand.

SHOULD UNRUNG METHODS BE NAMED?

Mr. W. Ayre said he had seen the manuscript and there was one thing that turned him against the book. He had spoken to the hand with whom he rang new Surprise methods, and the first thing they said was they would not ring the methods in the book if they were already named. If they rang a new method they liked to give it the name they chose. He felt sure the printing of names to the methods would affect the sale.

Mr. J. T. Dyke said he was inclined to agree with Mr. Ayre. It had been his ambition to ring a method and name it, but if those in the book were already named, he would have to go outside to get his method and perhaps get an inferior one in order to gratify his ambition.

Mr. F. W. Perrens said as far as Midland ringers were concerned the same views applied. It was a big book and the expense of publishing it would be great. He doubted very much if there would be a great sale for it. He asked if it would be possible to split it up. Half of the book, or more, was letterpress connected with the history of Surprise ringing and other matters. He also wondered whether, instead of giving the methods in the form of leads, in the established way, it would not be better to give fewer methods, choosing the better ones, and giving them in diagram form only. In any event, 240 methods would make an expensive volume, and he thought the opinion of ringers would be that a fewer number would be sufficient for the time being.

'SEQUESTERING' COUNCIL'S FUNDS.

Mr. P. J. Johnson said if they went to the expense of printing this book it would lead to a sort of 'sequestration' of a considerable part of their funds. They had already decided they should reprint other and more elementary books, and while he had every sympathy with the Surprise ringers—he sometimes even did a little himself—he felt they should consider carefully which was going to be of most use. Surprise ringing was distinctly the job of the specialist in change ringing; the vast majority of ringers were not Surprise ringers. The Council ought to consider the matter from that angle and whether the money could not be more usefully employed. Then there was the question of how they should publish the methods, whether by diagram or the figures. Speaking from his own experience, he thought those who were interested looked to see what combination of music was in the method and how the bells run up, and unless they got some indication of that from the printed figures, the majority of ringers would not be sufficiently interested to take the diagram and work it out. If they were to publish the diagrams and the figures they would add enormously to the cost of production. He was of opinion that the Council should take no further action in regard to the publication of the book for the present.

Mr. F. E. Dawe said this seemed to turn on a matter of expense. He could not help thinking that if it was such a difficult matter to get out of the average ringer the amount of 3d. per week to support a ringing paper, which they could not do without, they could not expect to get a sufficient number to give four or five shillings for a book that would be used by only just a few.

Mr. F. W. Rogers said he thought it would be a good thing for future ringers if the book could be published. He suggested that the methods might be grouped in such a way that a diagram and figures for three or four methods could be got on one page. He asked if the committee had any idea of the number that would be required to publish the book at 4s. or 5s.

The Hon. Secretary said it was estimated that 500 copies would cost about £80 or £90.

WHAT THE COMMITTEE WAS ASKED TO DO.

Mr. S. H. Wood said that at the Shrewsbury meeting in 1935 the Methods Committee were instructed to prepare a book on the Surprise methods. They were not asked to make a collection of diagrams—they were asked to write a book on Surprise Major methods. It had been a big job. It required great care and a lot of time. He had spent a great many hours upon it, but for every one he had spent, Mr. Trollope had spent a hundred, and the question was whether that work was to be wasted. If the Council did not wish it to be published, why did they ask the Methods Committee to write the book? It had also been suggested that the book should be split so as to reduce the price. That was a matter for the Council to decide, but he would like to say, on behalf of the committee, that they had produced the best book they could and a balanced book. They would not like to see the book split if it could be avoided. It had been written and considered as a whole, and their feeling was certainly that it was the letterpress portion that, to a large extent, sold a book. There was one group of ringers who wanted figures or diagrams of methods, and another group who wanted the reading matter contained in the letterpress, in order to find something interesting about the methods. The committee felt that it was the letterpress portion that would sell the book.

Mr. A. D. Barker said if they were going to discuss the question of names they were going to reopen a question which had caused a lot of wasted time in the past when they had the Minor methods before them. With regard to the cost of publication, he suggested the Council should pay for space in 'The Ringing World' every week and publish a method every week.

SUGGESTED APPEAL TO ASSOCIATIONS.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith said he had had the opportunity of examining the manuscript of the book and had no hesitation in saying it was a very valuable production. The cost of printing, however, would be very heavy and would lock up a considerable amount of the Council's limited funds for a long time. To publish the book at an economic price would probably mean that it would take 20 years to run through an edition, and he did not think, in view of its other commitments, that the Council could afford to lock up its funds to this extent. He suggested that the affiliated associations should be asked to put up half the cost of the book, on some proportional basis, such as membership or representation on the Council. There were 51 affiliated associations, and it would mean an average of only £1 each, in return for which they would receive an equivalent value in copies of the book. In this way they might ensure publishing the book at an early date without entirely crippling the Council's funds, and he did not think the associations would object to providing this small amount.

Mr. Johnson supported the idea of doing something on the lines suggested by Mr. Goldsmith, or of ascertaining from the associations the number of copies they would be likely to take. That would be some sort of guarantee, but unless they had it he still felt they stood in great danger of sequestrating a large portion of their funds.

Mr. Wood also supported Mr. Goldsmith's suggestion. The average would only be £1 for an association, in return for which they would get, say, five copies of the book. He thought Mr. Johnson was unduly pessimistic. He could hardly imagine any association that did not contain five members sufficiently interested in Surprise Major ringing to buy a copy of the book.

Mr. G. R. Newton thought Mr. Goldsmith's plan was an admirable one. He felt sure he could commit his association to such a plan and say that Lancashire would be prepared to contribute £1, even if they did not get five copies of the book. It seemed to him a great pity if the labours of the committee, who had worked so hard on the Council's behalf, should be wasted, or at any rate not appreciated to the full, because they would not be appreciated unless the book was published. If the book were held over, its chances of publication would be lessened. He wholeheartedly agreed with Mr. Goldsmith's suggestion.

Mr. Johnson said for the comfort of Mr. Stephen Wood the Yorkshire Association, he thought he could say, would spend £5 (applause).

The Rev. H. Drake said on behalf of the Suffolk Guild, which was, perhaps, the worst off of any, he was prepared to undertake to support the scheme, but he thought, if the cost was 4s. and the published price 5s., the associations should have the benefit of the difference.

Mr. W. Wilson said Mr. Goldsmith's scheme was about the best constructive idea they had had on the publication of the book. He could give a very good reason why they should publish the book, even if they lost a little financially, for he was sure the Exercise as a whole would benefit sufficiently by the publication of a book like that to make up for any loss. He recalled the record of a peal of Triples at Rolvenden, Kent, rung in 1820, the average age of the band, except the tenorman, being only 19 years, the footnote stating that all were residents of the parish, 'who acquired their information on change ringing within twelve months solely by reading a book on that art.' Had such a book as the Surprise methods been available to ringers in those days, there would not have been nearly as many new methods waiting to be named now; they would all have been rung.

THE COMMITTEE'S VIEWS.

Mr. J. A. Trollope, speaking first on the question of inserting the names of the methods in the book, said the Council had already had

considerable experience in this matter. They had had the experience in connection with the six-bell methods, and as far as the committee was concerned, and as far as the Council, he hoped, was concerned, they did not want to repeat that experiment. The old Methods Committee first adopted the plan of issuing methods without names, with the idea that they were to be named by those who rang them. The result was, it took 20 years or more before half or three-quarters of the names were settled, and during the whole of that time there was confusion. One result was that almost as soon as the book was published it became of no use whatever, except to a small proportion of people who wanted to ring a new method. Mr. Dyke said he had an ambition to ring a new method and name it, and there was a chance that the method he wanted to ring might be in this Surprise book and be already named so that he would not be able to ring that method and gratify his ambition. He did not suppose, however, that Mr. Dyke cared twopence about it (laughter). If they issued this book without the names, in a year or so the book would be of no good whatever to the people who had got it, because, when people rang a method and named it, there would be nothing to connect what they rang with what was in the book. When the Plain Major Methods book was issued they named every one of the methods and said nothing to anybody. From that time to the present quite a number of them had been rung, but there had not been a single complaint about them having been already named by the committee; now they were asked to believe that if they followed the same course with regard to the Surprise methods people were coming to break their front windows (laughter). The book would be valueless without the names and the grievance was not a genuine one. Some people thought they had a grievance, but they hadn't.

When they talked about the sale of the book, continued Mr. Trollope, experience showed that it was not the people who were chiefly interested in and who wanted to ring the highest Surprise methods who were likely to be the only buyers, neither was it the people who were the big ringers who could ring Stedman Cinques on their heads and nothing but Stedman Cinques. It was the young people who wanted to know something about ringing who bought books and it was those they wanted to get hold of. They could judge a book on Surprise ringing not by the number of people who were going to make up a Surprise band and ring peals, but by the number of people who wanted to get general knowledge from it which would help them in their ringing career. If they gave people what they wanted, the book would create its own demand, but they should remember it was not, except from the financial side, necessary to sell the whole edition straight out. It was far better to have a book that would last for 20 years. It would not be out of date in 20 years, and a steady sale over that period was likely to have better results than selling out the whole edition in a few months.

DIAGRAMS OUT OF THE QUESTION.

With regard to the suggestion that they should use diagrams, he had made inquiries and the cost was prohibitive and they could rule that out entirely. The book which the committee had prepared was far in advance of any of the other publications of the kind which had been issued by the Council, simply because the others were books consisting entirely of figures, but with a book of this kind, with something else besides figures, they would interest people who did not ring Surprise methods. Mr. Trollope added that he appreciated Mr. Goldsmith's suggestion, because he knew he felt that the financial responsibility on the Council was otherwise rather too great.

Replying to Mr. E. A. Young, who said it might be an advantage if the Council were told what the book contained, Mr. Trollope said there were chapters on proof and course ends, a number of methods, which ran to about 150, with the actual leads and instructions for getting about fifty or sixty more; there were the false course ends, a selection of compositions and, in addition, a complete history of the methods.

Mr. S. H. Wood (a member of the Methods Committee) said they had heard a lot about names; it was just possible some people did not quite understand what was involved. There were about 150 methods shown in the proposed book, and if the Council should decide to publish it the question arose about the naming of those that had not yet been rung. Up to the present, out of the 150, approximately 100 had been rung and the names were known. The point was whether the Methods Committee were going to make their own names for the rest and expect ringers to abide by those names, or whether they should fall in with the old tradition and let the band who first rang a method give it the name of their own choice. He disagreed with Mr. Trollope on this subject and always had done. He felt that the book should be published without the names of the methods which had not yet been rung.

Mr. Goldsmith then formally proposed the following motion: 'That, with a view to publishing the book on Surprise Major Methods at an early date, this Council recommend that all affiliated societies be invited to take up one half of the issue.'

This was seconded by Mr. G. R. Newton and carried with two dissentients.

Mr. Perrens asked if the Council were going to decide with regard to the names. If the associations agreed to the publication on the terms suggested, the Standing Committee would be getting on with his job immediately.

Mr. Trollope said that what was in the book was the responsibility of the authors, in the same way that authors were responsible for any

other book. He asked the Council not to interfere on this point and certainly not to decide anything of the kind until they realised what was involved. If they were going to give an instruction to the committee to issue the book without the names, it would not be worth 4s., or even 2d. 6d. for that matter, in a very few years. He did not say that because he wanted the honour of naming the methods—it was very nice to name one or two, but to name a whole lot was a nuisance—but they had had this matter over before and they knew from the Minor Methods that to publish a book without the names was an utter failure.

Replying to a question by Mr. Perrens, Mr. Trollope said, of course, before the book was published, the names would be revised so that all the methods that had been rung would be given the names chosen by the bands who rang them. It was only the unringed ones that would be named by the committee.

COMMITTEE DIVIDED.

Later in the day the President referred again to the position with regard to the publication of the book. He read extracts from the minutes of previous meetings of the Council, showing that the actual publication of the book had been deferred by the Standing Committee with a view to ascertaining what demand there was likely to be for the book. He pointed out that the Council had now decided to approach the associations to invite them to take up one half of the issue, and said this application would be made to the societies, and if the necessary funds were forthcoming, the book, in its present state, would go forward for printing.

Mr. W. G. Wilson said printing would hardly be possible for another twelve months, because they would have to wait for the annual meetings of the associations to give their consent.

Mr. S. H. Wood said he had made it clear that morning that he had never been in agreement with the other members of the committee that the book should be published with names given to methods that had not been rung. He had suggested that as the book was being written for and published by the Council, the Council should be given the chance to decide whether or not those names should be published. As a member of the committee he was in an awkward position, and he could not allow his name to go on that book if it included something of which he did not approve. If the Council decided by a majority that it wanted these names put in and instructed the Methods Committee to put them in, then he would be very willing to co-operate in choosing the most suitable names, but he did not feel he could take the responsibility of putting the names in off his own bat.

Mr. F. Warrington proposed that the unringed methods be numbered in the book so that those who rang them for the first time could name them.

Mr. C. H. Kippin seconded.

Mr. Trollope asked the Council not to decide the question at that time in about two minutes, but to study the question, remembering what happened in regard to the six-bell methods.

Mr. A. P. Smith raised a point of order. He said they were going back to an item which had already been dealt with.

The President said he did not think they should have a long discussion, but the instructions to the officers of the Council were not clear.

Mr. Wood said he had understood for the last two years that this book was to be handed round to members of the Standing Committee and any others who were interested, before anything else was done, in order to obtain their views, and that was the reason he had not brought this rather unfortunate matter up before that morning. That morning for the first time they had heard the views of the Council.

DECISION DEFERRED.

Mr. Trollope protested against this question being sprung on the Council at the last minute; he considered it was out of order. The book could not in any case be printed before the next meeting, and he suggested that the question of naming or not naming the methods should be left until next year. In the meantime, he asked those people who talked about a grievance to look at the thing from the point of view of the Exercise generally, rather than from that of one or two people who had the idea that they would like to name a method. This book, if printed, should be a standard book for 50 years; all this question of names happened only once. He thought very few people cared what name was given to a new method which they rang as long as the name was a good one.

The President said, in view of the fact that in any case the book could not be printed before next year, he would ask the Council to defer a decision on the question of the names. In the meantime the officers of the Council would get into touch with the associations, with regard to the financial guarantee, so that they would be ready next year.

Mr. J. Hunt said they had all this discussion years ago in connection with the Minor methods, and they decided to leave the naming to the Methods Committee. He thought they should leave the naming of the methods in this book to the committee.

The President said from the rate at which new Surprise methods were being rung it was possible that all the methods in the book would be named by bands who rang them before next year. For the sake of Mr. Dyke and others who would like to name a method, he would like to say he believed there were something like forty-seven thousand other Surprise methods not in the book from which they could select one or two to call after their own name.

The discussion then dropped.

A PEAL ATTEMPT AT EXETER.**RINGERS TRAVEL OVER 4,000 MILES.**

Twelve ringers travelled well over 4,000 miles between them during last week-end to attempt a peal at Exeter Cathedral. A peal at Exeter is recognised as one of the biggest jobs of its kind and attempts are few and far between. Arrangements for last Saturday's venture were made by Mr. F. E. Dawe, who, as many of our readers know, has had a lifelong ambition to ring a peal at every English cathedral. Exeter is one of the remaining two or three—apart from converted parish churches—in which he has not yet been successful. It was unfortunate, therefore, that the attempt for Stedman Cinques on Saturday should have come to grief, as it did after two and three-quarter hours' ringing. A combination of conditions necessitated Mr. Dawe setting his bell after 25 courses had been rung, by which time he was physically exhausted. It was naturally a great disappointment to all concerned, and especially to Mr. Dawe, who was calling the peal.

The ringers had been welcomed by the president of the Devon Guild (the Rev. E. V. Cox) and Mr. T. Laver (the hon. secretary). The latter had given great assistance in making the arrangements, and many thanks are due to him for his help, and also to the Dean and Chapter for permission to make the attempt.

The band had been gathered from many parts of the country, as will be seen by the following names: G. E. Fearn (Birmingham) 1, J. S. Goldsmith (Woking) 2, F. W. Perrens (Coventry) 3, J. F. Smallwood (Bath) 4, P. J. Johnson (Leeds) 5, F. E. Dawe (Woking) 6, J. H. B. Hesse (Haslemere) 7, F. H. Dexter (Leicester) 8, F. E. Pervin (Coventry) 9, R. Cousins (London) 10, J. Waugh (London) 11, E. P. Duffield (Colchester) and A. Mitchell (Heavitree) 12. The tenor weighs 72½ cwt.

Mr. Albert Walker, of Birmingham, visited Exeter to listen to the ringing, and his friends were delighted to find him in much restored health.

Mr. Dawe had one previous abortive attempt for a peal on these bells, which was lost after three hours through the exhaustion of the ringer of the eleventh (the late Mr. F. J. Davey, of Exeter).

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**PLEASANT VILLAGE MEETING.**

A successful meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Seale on Saturday, June 11th, when the members received a warm welcome to this picturesque Surrey village, which lies at the side of the famous Hog's Back. During the afternoon Mr. Hasted, District Ringing Master, was in charge of the ringing, which included Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Doubles, Bob Minor, Double Oxford, Oxford, Kent and Woodbine Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise.

A short service was held, at which the Rector (Canon R. S. Arrow-smith), who is an honorary member of the Guild, officiated. The Rector gave a brief address of welcome to all present, and thanked the ringers for the voluntary work they did for the Church of God. It was not the first time he had had the privilege of being present at a bellringers' meeting in Seale, and he hoped that they would come again soon for a similar meeting. He could assure all bellringers that they would receive a warm welcome to the village and its church.

An excellent tea had been prepared in the Jubilee Room by Mrs. New and helpers, and a company numbering 35 sat down.

Mr. P. Eldridge (Aldershot), on behalf of the company, thanked the Rector for the welcome extended to them, and said he was sure that everyone present was really having a pleasant time. He also expressed thanks to Mr. Shrimpton (the organist), Mrs. New and her helpers, and others who had helped in the arrangements for the meeting.

At the business meeting which followed the Rector presided.

The district secretary (Mr. C. W. Denyer) announced that a wreath had been sent from the Farnham District for the funeral of Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith, wife of the former general secretary of the Guildford Guild. This action was confirmed.

It was also stated that the Guild summer festival was to be held this year at Farnham Parish Church on July 9th, and it was hoped that all who could do so would support the function.

Mr. C. Hazelden (S. Nicolas', Guildford) gave a report of the meeting of the Central Council, held at Leeds on Whit Tuesday, and, on the proposition of Mr. R. Whittington (Cranleigh), he was thanked for his summary of the Council's affairs.

At the close of business, some of the company returned to the belfry, but others preferred to ramble in the lanes and fields, and listen to the music of the bells across the meadows. Among the towers represented were Ash, Farnham, Sandhurst, Basingstoke, Guildford, Aldershot, Bramley (Hants), Chertsey, Cranleigh, Bentley and Worplesdon.

APARTMENTS.

LLANDUDNO, NORTH WALES.—Superior Board-Residence or Bed and Breakfast; 2 minutes sea, tennis courts, bowling green and park.—Mrs. Brown, Avonholm, 24, Queen's Road. Telephone 6965.

NOTICES.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Owing to unforeseen circumstances the quarterly meeting at Bletchingley on June 25th has had to be postponed. New arrangements to follow.—R. A. Tuffin, Hon. Dis. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Market Weighton on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) will be available from 2 to 8.30 p.m. Short service in Church at 4.15. Tea, at 5 o'clock. Business meeting follows tea in Church Hall. Buses from Hull, York and Leeds every hour, and from Selby every two hours.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 25th. Bells: Cathedral 4.20-5 and 6.30-7.30; St. Mary's and St. Michael's from 3 o'clock. Tea in St. Mary's Parish Hall at 5. Fully paid up members 9d., non-members 1s. 3d. General meeting to follow.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Whalley on Saturday, June 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—First general meeting, Bottesford, Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8) open from 2 p.m. Committee meet 4 p.m. Meat tea (2s. per head) at the Rutland Arms Hotel at 5 p.m., followed by general meeting. Lincoln Diocesan Guild friends will be most welcome.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Sunbury-on-Thames on Saturday, June 25th. Church of St. Mary (8 bells, tenor 14½ cwt.). Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea after, 1s. per head, by invitation, in the Vicarage garden, if fine, otherwise in the Parish Hall. Short business meeting to follow. Reports available, subscriptions due.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Sec., 16, St. Stephen's Road, Ealing, W.13.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ropley on June 25th. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea at 4.30 in the Coffee Room. Bells from 2.30. Please let us know if you are coming.—G. and Miss Noice, 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Singleton on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Visitors to Blackpool and district heartily welcomed. Train leaves North Station 2 p.m. for Poulton, then bus at Poulton Square at 2.20.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Knutsford on June 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, please advise Mr. S. Hough, 12, Hayton Street, Knutsford.—K. Lewis, Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Clewer (6 bells) on Saturday, June 25th, at 3 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Saltburn on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8, tenor 23 cwt.) will be available for ringing. Tea will be provided in the Parochial Hall at 5 p.m. All ringers and friends are welcome.—J. Reed, Hon. Sec., 67, Hedley Street, Guisborough.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch, Gainsborough District.—A meeting of the above district will be held at Stow on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Cross Keys Inn.—E. J. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Blyton Vicarage, Gainsborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan and Preston Branches Joint Meeting.—This meeting will be held at Standish on Saturday, June 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., at a small charge, for which please notify Mr. E. Birchall, 163, Preston Road, Standish, near Wigan.—S. Forshaw and A. Blogg, Branch Secs.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Next meeting at Tydd St. Giles', on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All are welcome.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Established 1623).—The 315th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (12) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 1s. 6d. each. Will all those attending please notify me?—Leonard E. Pitstow, Hon. Sec., 21, Debden Road.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual summer festival will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, June 25th. The bells (8) will be available from 2.30 to 8.30. St. Neots (8) available from 3 to 4.15. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Everybody welcome.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High St. N., Dunstable.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Littleport, near Ely, on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please let me know by card you are coming.—F. Warrington, Over, Cambs.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at Weybridge on Saturday, June 25th, instead of July 2nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting following. It is hoped that all members will take advantage of this meeting, also all ringers and friends will be made welcome.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—Meeting at Coaley, near Dursley, June 25th. Bells (6) open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. All visitors welcome.—W. J. Smith, Branch Hon. Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—There will be ringing for evensong at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch (12), on Sunday, June 26th, commencing at 5.30 p.m.—N. Summerhayes, 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting, Southwark Cathedral, June 28th, at 7.30 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Wells on July 2nd.

Cathedral bells 2.30 to 3.30. St. Cuthbert's, 3 to 4.30 and after the meeting. Service (St. Cuthbert's) 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Other towers could be open on short notice.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting at Reading on July 2nd. Will all who intend to attend please note the following revised arrangements?—St. Giles' (8), 3.15-4.30; St. Laurence's (12), 3.15-4.40. Service at St. Laurence 4.45. Tea to follow (5.15) at the Talbot Cafe, Queen Victoria Street, at 1s. per head. Ringing after tea at St. Mary's (8), 7-8, Caversham (8) 7-9. A cordial invitation is extended to all ringers in the district to come and have a pull at this meeting. Kindly notify me of numbers for tea as soon as possible.—N. Summerhayes, 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Up-
lowman on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those intending to be present please notify me by Monday, June 27th.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Angmering on Saturday, July 2nd. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Vestry Hall 1/- per head. Half rail fares (maximum 1/6) to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Winchester on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells available: Cathedral (12) and St. Maurice (6), 1.30 to 3.45, and after meeting; Hursley (8), Twyford (8) and Micheldever (6), 2 to 3.30, and after the meeting. Service in St. Maurice's at 4. Tea, by invitation of the Guild, at 4.45 in St. Maurice's Hall, followed by the general meeting. Tea only for those who inform Mr. G. Noice, 6, Cathedral View, Winchester, by Wednesday, June 29th. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Pinchbeck, near Spalding, on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) 4.45. Gentlemen heartily invited. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, June 29th?—A. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guisborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Creton (5 bells) on Saturday, July 2nd. 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 STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Stone on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea kindly notify Mr. A. Rowley, 120a, Church Street, Stone, Staffs, not later than June 29th?—Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 2nd. Baglan, near Aberavon (6 bells), available from 3 till 5.30. Business meeting in Aberavon Schoolroom at 6 o'clock. Bells (8) available afterwards.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec.

DUNSTON, NEAR LINCOLN.—The bells, which have been restored and augmented to a ring of five by John Taylor and Co., will be dedicated by the Sub-Dean of Lincoln Cathedral at 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 2nd.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bradfield Church (6 bells) on Saturday, July 2nd. Those who intend to be present for tea please send postcard to Rector (Rev. J. Thompson), Bradford Rectory, Bradford, near Sheffield. Buses at Malin Bridge tram terminus. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield, 7.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The summer meeting of the above branch will be held at East Ilsley on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at 6d. per head. All ringers welcome. Visitors please notify Mr. C. J. Hibbert, The Stores, East Ilsley, near Newbury, by Wednesday, June 29th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Bishops Cannings, on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, for which a card would oblige.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., 584, Semington Road, Melksham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers will be welcome. Please come, as a good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at Broughton-in-Furness on July 2nd. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting to follow. Important.—Please send names for tea to Mr. J. P. Barker, Crosby Villa, Broughton-in-Furness, not later than June 27th, and oblige.—N. M. Newby, Sec., Furness and Lake District.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the West Norfolk Branch will be held at Gressenhall on Saturday, July 2nd.—W. J. Eldred, Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, Kings Lynn.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Stratford St. Mary on July 9th. Tea and meeting in Church Hall at 5.15 at 1s. each. Higham and Langham will also be open for ringing. Bells at all three towers available from 2 p.m. Please send me a postcard of numbers for tea.—H. G. Herbert, 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Helmshore, on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—A meeting will be held at Henfield, on Wednesday, July 6th. Tower open 2.30. Tea and business meeting. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.) allowed to members. Names for tea by Saturday, July 2nd, please.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton, 6.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tarleton, Saturday, July 9th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify the Rev. L. M. Forse, The Rectory, Tarleton, by Wednesday, July 6th. Outstanding subscriptions are now due.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, London, on Saturday, July 9th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Will all requiring tea please send their names to me by Wednesday, July 6th? Trains from Baker Street (Tube) to Kilburn Park.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Rd., Enfield.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Deddington on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting. Aynho (8 bells) will be open for ringers from 6.30 to 7.30. Notice of other towers announced at meeting. Please let me know for tea.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—One hundred or more ringers required to ring at Brasted and Sundridge on Sat., July 9th. Mr. E. H. Lewis invites you to tea on that date. Please do not disappoint him. The gardens of Moorcocks will be open during the afternoon. Bells at Brasted and Sundridge will be available from 2.30 p.m. Private car service between the two towers. Service at Brasted at 4.30, conducted by the Rector (Rev. H. H. L. Longuet-Higgins, M.C., O.B.E.). Tea after service, followed by a short business meeting. Important. Please do not post your card to me of intention to be present later than Monday evening, July 4th. Thank you.—Alec E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The summer meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Broadstairs, on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30, followed by business meeting. Tea is by kind invitation, so please do your bit and send in your names to Mr. W. J. Fairbeard, 31, Mayville Road, St. Peter's, Broadstairs, Kent, not later than Wednesday, July 6th. Half-fares will be paid to members attending this meeting (maximum 2s.).—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Summer festival meeting at Farnham, Saturday, July 9th. Bells of Parish Church from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at Darracott's Restaurant, West Street, at 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea must be sent to Mr. R. Hasted, 1, Victoria Villas, St. George's Road, Farnham, by July 5th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, Surrey.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Lenham (8 bells) on July 9th. Half-travelling expenses will be paid to members attending this meeting.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Egerton, Kent.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 16th. Service in Cathedral at 11.15 a.m. Preacher, Bishop R. G. Shedden, D.D. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30 p.m. Tickets 2s. each to members, 3s. each to non-members. All applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance, must reach general secretary not later than Wednesday, July 13th, after which date the business will be in the hands of the caterers.—R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

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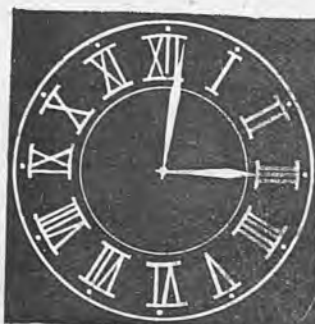
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