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## RESTORATIONS AND ROPES.

In various ways, in recent issues of 'The Ringing World,' there have been references to the connection, direct or indirect, which ringers have with church bell restorations. It is becoming a growing custom for ringers, through their organisations, to give grants, modest perhaps, but always acceptable, to bell restoration or augmentation schemes, and they have a growing sense of the importance of seeing that these schemes are carried out in such a way that the interests, which they specially have in bells, are not prejudiced. Sometimes these interests clash with the antiquarians, but on the whole ringers and their art have gained by the assistance and advice which they have been able to give. While church authorities are responsible for keeping their bells in order, they are encouraged in their schemes of restoration if they know that ringers, in addition to urging them, are prepared to do their share in meeting the cost, and it is gratifying to see that the contributions to restorations from association funds are growing with the years. A notable example is that of Oxford, which through the Guild and its branches has voted something like £80 in the past year.

We hope this form of contribution to the Church will not diminish. Our 'Oxfordshire' correspondent who suggested in our columns a week or two ago the diversion of these funds to other purposes is hardly likely, we think, to find much support, but there is one of his proposals to which not only the Oxford Guild, but other associations might give some consideration, and that is in helping poor churches to provide new bell ropes. Every ringer of experience has visited belfries where ropes are in a bad condition and renewal is delayed or refused for want of funds. Where the ropes are worn out purely by service ringing no church ought to refuse to buy new ones, although, even then, perhaps, it would be a charitable act and an encouragement to a band of ringers, who render their first service to the Church, to assist them with their ropes. But at places where peal ringing or frequent general practices and meetings are held, there does seem to be a case for helping with the renewal of ropes, which are a prime essential. It is the part of the equipment of bells that most quickly wears out, and we think that associations, especially those who have substantial balances in hand, might turn their attention to providing help in 'necessitous cases.' Ropes come within the definition of 'consumable stores,' and many a church, hard hit for funds in these days, finds itself unable to provide new ones. Help in such cases would, we feel sure, often be a good investment for an association.

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## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.On Wednesday, July 27, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

FRED HAYES... .. Treble	*EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 7
RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... .. 2	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... .. 8
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 3	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 9
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. 4	RALPH COLES ... .. 10
LEONARD STILWELL ... .. 5	F. DONALD BOREHAM ... .. 11
EDWARD R. COLES ... .. 6	EDWARD CROXFORD ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by EDWARD R. COLES.

\* First peal of Stedman Cinques and 300th peal.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 30, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Laurence,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

ALBERT WALKER .. .. Treble	MRS. JACK BRAY ... .. 7
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. 2	JACK BRAY ... .. 8
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	GEORGE FEIRN ... .. 9
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 4	GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 10
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 5	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... .. 11
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. 6	GEORGE LADD ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. Mary-Le-Tower Society.)

On Saturday, July 30, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary-Le-Tower,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

*WILLIAM CLOVER ... .. Treble	WILLIAM P. GARRETT... .. 7
SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... .. 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... .. 8
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... .. 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 9
HOBART E. SMITH ... .. 4	JOHN W. WARD ... .. 10
HARRY R. ROPER ... .. 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... .. 11
†ERNEST W. PYE... .. 6	CECIL W. PIPE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

\* First peal of Superlative Maximus. † First attempt for a peal of Maximus.

## TEN BELL PEAL.

TYNEMOUTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.  
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

*JAMES L. GRAY ... .. Treble	HAROLD WALKER ... .. 6
†RICHARD A. GOFTON ... .. 2	†WILLIAM ROBSON ... .. 7
JAMES E. SCOTT ... .. 3	ADAM DEAS... .. 8
MRS. J. THOMAS... .. 4	*ARTHUR COOK ... .. 9
JOHN THOMAS ... .. 5	*MATTHEW B. LIVESLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by EDGAR GUISE. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.  
\* First peal of Caters. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal of Caters on an 'inside' bell.

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**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 25, 1938, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Luke, Bromley Common,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK E. PITMAN ... ..	... Treble	*CHARLES W. RIDGWAY ... ..	5
*DENNIS G. BROWN ... ..	2	JOHN E. LYDDIARD ... ..	6
†DOUGLAS G. BROWN ... ..	3	ALISON PURDOM ... ..	7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... ..	4	EDMUND MOUNTER ... ..	Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by A. S. RICHARDS.  
 \* First attempt for a peal on eight bells. † First peal. Rung as a 71st birthday compliment to Mr. H. J. T. Pitman, father of the treble ringer.

BROADCLYST, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

*ALFRED LOVERING ... ..	... Treble	CHARLES H. BAKER ... ..	5
CHARLES R. LILLEY ... ..	2	HORACE M. BUTT ... ..	6
THOMAS J. BARTLETT ... ..	3	*WILLIAM REEKS ... ..	7
†REV. J. H. B. ANDREWS ... ..	4	WILLIAM H. HOWE ... ..	Tenor

Composed by M. H. L. BUCKINGHAM. Conducted by C. R. LILLEY  
 \* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal on eight bells. First peal of Bob Major on the bells.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

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

MORRIS'S TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

OLIVER HINES ... ..	... Treble	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD ... ..	5
JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... ..	2	*WILLIAM T. GOADBY ... ..	6
GEORGE D. HADFIELD ... ..	3	†HORACE O. OVER ... ..	7
PERCIVAL W. GRICE ... ..	4	*ARTHUR YATES ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. COTTON.

\* First peal of Triples. † First peal in the method. Rung as a welcome to the new Rector of Seale, the Rev. Dr. W. J. Beale, who was inducted to the benefice on July 14th.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 28, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANCIS A. SMITH ... ..	... Treble	*EDWIN JENNINGS ... ..	5
HENRY HODGETTS ... ..	2	FRANCIS KIRK ... ..	6
WALTER AYRE ... ..	3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... ..	7
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... ..	4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... ..	Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by M. F. R. HIBBERT.  
 \* First peal in the method. This composition contains only 27 calls.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, July 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

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

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HAROLD SHUCK ... ..	... Treble	KENNETH I. PARDOE ... ..	5
JOHN BASS ... ..	2	WILLIAM FISHER ... ..	6
BERNARD LAWTON ... ..	3	NORMAN G. LEECH ... ..	7
HOWARD HOWELL ... ..	4	SAMUEL E. WEBB ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN G. LEECH.

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THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 30, 1938, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter,

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

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*WILLIAM JAMES ... ..	... Treble	GEORGE MARRINER ... ..	5
†ALFRED H. WINCH ... ..	2	*ALBERT E. CHEESMAN ... ..	6
*ALBERT J. ADAMS ... ..	3	WILLIAM G. NEWBERRY ... ..	7
*JOHN HOBDEN ... ..	4	ALAN R. PINK ... ..	Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.  
 \* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'  
 First peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 30, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

JAMES G. RUMSEY ... ..	... Treble	WILLIAM A. WOODS ... ..	5
JAMES E. BAILEY ... ..	2	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... ..	6
FRANK L. FISHER ... ..	3	JAMES M. BAILEY ... ..	7
*FREDERICK C. NICHOLLS ... ..	4	ALDERMAN LING ... ..	Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ALDERMAN LING.  
 \* First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.'

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 30, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT G. HARRISON ... ..	... Treble	STANLEY W. COPLING ... ..	5
FREDERICK C. ROPER ... ..	2	FREDERICK ROOPE ... ..	6
FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... ..	3	CHARLES W. LOOME ... ..	7
CHARLES BAKER ... ..	4	ERNEST WHITING ... ..	Tenor

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

HOLLESLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.)

On Sunday, July 31, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... ..	... Treble	HILDA G. SNOWDEN ... ..	5
FRANK L. FISHER ... ..	2	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... ..	6
ERNEST W. PYE ... ..	3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... ..	7
SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... ..	4	JOHN W. WARD ... ..	Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by LEWIS W. WIFFEN.  
 First peal of London on the bells.

FARINGDON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 30, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Parish Church of All Saints,

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

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E flat.

*VALENTINE J. JONES ... ..	... Treble	FREDERICK H. WHIPP ... ..	5
FRANK W. WHEELER ... ..	2	CUTHBERT I. J. PEARCE ... ..	6
HUBERT E. TAYLOR ... ..	3	EDWARD E. HUGHES ... ..	7
HAROLD A. EDWARDS ... ..	4	†RICHARD M. PAWLING ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by CUTHBERT I. J. PEARCE.

\* First peal of Triples. † First peal. First peal of Triples by the local band of Sunday service ringers at this church.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 1, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicholas,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... ..	... Treble	GEORGE F. SWANN ... ..	5
ALBERT WALKER ... ..	2	CHARLES T. COLES ... ..	6
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... ..	3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... ..	7
GEORGE R. PYE ... ..	4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... ..	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

CLEWER, WINDSOR, BERKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, July 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Being 720 each of Netherseale, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise,  
Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM HENLY ... .. Treble	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... .. 4
ALAN R. PINK ... .. 2	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 5
WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 3	LEONARD STILWELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

Rung to commemorate the 70th birthday and retirement of Mr. R. A. Hammond, for over 20 years parish clerk and 61 years with the choir.

STANTON HARCOURT, OXFORDSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Being 42 six-scores of Grandsire, Plain Bob and April Day (17 callings).  
Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

RICHARD WHITE ... .. Treble	THOMAS BOND ... .. 4
HARRY FLOYD ... .. 2	NOBLE SPINLOW ... .. 5
*CECIL CALCUTT ... .. 3	HARRY FARMER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. FLOYD.

\* First peal. First peal by all in three Doubles methods. First peal on the bells since rehangings.

BELCHAMP ST. PAUL'S, ESSEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.  
(ST. ANDREW'S GUILD, EARLS COLNE.)

On Sunday, July 24, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) Oxford Bob and Single Court; (2) Canterbury Pleasure and Reverse Bob; (3) Double and Plain Bob; (4) Hereward Bob and Double Court; (5) Wavertree and College Single; (6) Thelwall and Double Oxford; (7) Childwall and St. Clement's.  
Tenor 12 cwt.

*RONALD SUCKLING ... .. Treble	ALBERT L. DIXEY ... .. 4
VICTOR MORLEY ... .. 2	ALEC M. GENERY ... .. 5
REGINALD G. H. SIMMONDS 3	RALPH BIRD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. BIRD.

\* First peal in 14 methods. There were 270 changes of method.

WEST LULWORTH, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 24, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

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

Sven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

ROBERT WAKE ... .. Treble	*MAURICE TOCOCK ... .. 4
CECIL SMART ... .. 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... .. 5
*THOMAS TOCOCK ... .. 3	L.-CPL. P. TOCOCK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

\* First peal.

DARLINGTON.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 25, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

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

Being one extent each of Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, York, Durham, Wells and London Surprise. Tenor 7½ cwt.

WILLIAM OLIVER ... .. Treble	GEORGE W. PARK ... .. 4
ROBERT JEFF ... .. 2	W. NORMAN PARK ... .. 5
RICHARD BUSBY ... .. 3	ROLAND PARK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

**MUFFLED BELLS.**

A half-muffled quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Peter's Church, Henfield, Sussex, by the local band, on July 28th, as a token of respect to the late Mr. A. Cruttenden, a former ringer, who died on June 21st: E. Brown 1, V. Freeman 2, C. Tyler 3, F. Parsons 4, F. Cruttenden 5, G. Payne 6, E. Morey (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, P. Freeman 8.

CHERITON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Being 40 six-scores, 10 callings, and one of Morris' 240's. Tenor 8 cwt.

*HAROLD H. SHAW ... .. Treble	*ALLAN TREMEER ... .. 4
HARRY NEWNHAM ... .. 2	*REV. GERALD A. ELLISON 5
LESLIE TREMEER ... .. 3	*WILLIAM J. WEARRING ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE TREMEER.

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

BROOKE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Comprising extents of Oxford Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.  
Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.) in G.

SYDNEY FLINT ... .. Treble	ROBERT A. WARMAN ... .. 4
LESLIE H. JERMY ... .. 2	REGINALD H. DRANE ... .. 5
GEOFFREY A. TAYLOR ... .. 3	NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in seven methods by all except ringers of treble and tenor. First peal on the bells.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

*THOMAS J. CLARK ... .. Treble	*LEONARD LUCK ... .. 4
*EDWARD P. ASHBY ... .. 2	EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. 5
JOHN E. ROOTES ... .. 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

\* First peal of Minor. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. A. T. Simons to Miss E. J. Morrish, which took place at the church prior to the peal.

DONINGTON, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

ARTHUR YOUNG ... .. Treble	*CYRIL WANDER ... .. 4
WILLIAM WILKINSON ... .. 2	ALBERT E. FLATTERS ... .. 5
JOHN R. YOUNG ... .. 3	*ALBERT H. BENNETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.

\* First Surprise peal. First Surprise peal on the bells.

TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

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

Comprising seven extents, viz., two Cambridge Surprise, two Kent Treble Bob and one each of Plain Bob, Oxford Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... Treble	*HARRY F. HOLDING ... .. 4
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 2	FRED HARTMAN ... .. 5
*WILLIAM C. RHODES ... .. 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH G. EDWARDS.

\* First peal in five methods.

BLACK NOTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 31, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Forty-two six-scores. Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.

*KENNETH C. SMITH ... .. Treble	ALEC M. GENERY ... .. 3
VICTOR MORLEY ... .. 2	REGINALD G. SIMMONDS ... 4
RALPH BIRD ... .. 3	

Conducted by R. BIRD.

\* First peal. First peal of Doubles by all. First peal on the bells



## PEAL NOTES.

### MINIMUM CALLS IN A PEAL OF BRISTOL.

Mr. Maurice Hibbert, of Bushey, on July 28th, conducted a peal of Bristol Surprise Major that has only 27 calls in it. It was composed by Mr. Harold Cashmore and has a bob Before in every one of the 22 courses, with a bob Wrong in the second course, a bob Middle in the seventh course, and a bob at home in each of the eleventh, fifteenth and nineteenth courses. This is the minimum possible number of calls.

Mr. Hibbert has now conducted peals with both the minimum and the maximum number of calls. The latter was a peal of 5,760 Original Major with 825 calls.

'Teddy' Barnett, the third generation of the well-known Crayford ringing family—father, son and grandson have all borne the name of Edwin—has achieved a remarkable record. He is still only 19 years of age, but on Wednesday of last week he rang his 300th peal. This was at High Wycombe, Bucks, and was his first peal of Stedman Cinques.

Given average life, continued facilities and sustained interest, Edwin A. should go a long way towards making a record in peal ringing. His first 300 has taken him less than nine years.

Age as well as youth shared in the peal at High Wycombe, for the ages of the band ranged from 19 to 76. Tom Hibbert was among the veterans who took part, and it was his 60th peal of Stedman Cinques.

After 61 years' connection with the choir and 20 years as parish clerk of St. Andrew's, Clewer, Berks, Mr. R. A. Hammond has just retired. A complimentary peal in seven Minor methods was rung to commemorate his 70th birthday on July 23rd. It was the 50th peal that Mr. A. R. Pink has called for the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

It does not follow that the more methods you ring in a peal the more changes of method you get. The recent peal in 84 methods at Disley had 178 changes from one method to another. On July 24th a peal in only 14 spliced plain methods was rung at Belchamp St. Paul's, Essex, but in this there were no less than 270 changes of method.

This peal was rung by members of St. Andrew's Guild, Earls Colne, for the Royal Cumberland Youths, and brought in two new members, Messrs. Reg. Simmonds and A. L. Dixey.

The first peal on the bells at Stanton Harcourt, Oxfordshire, since they were rehung by Mr. R. White, of Appleton, was scored on July 23rd, when 42 six-scores in three methods of Doubles were rung. It was the first peal in three Doubles methods by all the band.

The peal of Grandsire Caters at Tynemouth on July 26th was Mr. J. E. Scott's fiftieth peal.

The Rev. J. H. B. Andrews, of Leeds, and Mr. C. H. Baker, of Gainsborough, Lincs, took part in a peal of Bob Major at Broadclyst, Devon, on July 24th. It was the former's first peal on eight bells, as well as being the first peal of Major on the bells.

The Rev. G. A. Ellison, chaplain to the Bishop of Winchester, rang his first peal on July 27th, when he took part in a 5,040 of Grandsire Doubles, the first peal on the bells, at Cheriton, Hants. Four others in the band also rang their first peal, and Leslie Tremear rang his first as conductor. All the band, except the Rev. G. A. Ellison, are from New Alresford.

Three brothers took part in a peal of Bob Minor at West Lulworth, Dorset, on July 24th. Thomas and Maurice Toccock rang their first peal, and the trio was completed by L.-Cpl. P. Toccock. By a coincidence it was rung on Maurice's 18th birthday.

The Sunday service ringers at Faringdon, Berks, have rung their first local peal of Triples. They rang Taylor's six-part peal of Grandsire on Saturday and elected C. I. J. Pearce and R. M. Pawling members of the Oxford Guild before starting.

Miss Sylvia Bowyer and Mr. G. A. Fleming rang their fiftieth peal together when they took part in a peal of London Surprise Major at Holesley, Suffolk, on Sunday.

On Sunday, at Black Notley, Essex, Reginald Simmonds and Ralph Bird rang their 25th peal together. Black Notley is a five-bell tower and this was the first peal on the bells as well as the first of Doubles by all five ringers.

After meeting short for Cambridge Surprise Major at Tarporley, Cheshire, on Saturday, a peal of Minor in five methods was rung, Mr. James Swindley kindly offering to stand out. It was the fiftieth peal by the conductor, Mr. R. G. Edwards. The peal was arranged for Mr. W. C. Rhodes, of Castle Bromwich.

Ringers sometimes complain that the ringing chamber is used to house objects not wanted elsewhere in church, but the practice proved very handy at Leiston, Suffolk, on Saturday. After about two courses, of a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major had been rung, the organist started playing, but the main electric switch being handy in the belfry, the good lady's efforts were very abruptly finished while the peal went merrily on to a satisfactory conclusion.

### OCTOGENARIAN'S EXAMPLE.

On Sunday, July 24th, at Christ Church, Swindon, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. W. T. Daniell 1, A. Lawrence 2, W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 3, H. W. L. Wells 4, S. Palmer 5, E. J. Berry 6, A. G. Wells 7, A. E. Smith 8. Rung prior to the annual service in the ruins of the old church and as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Daniell, Lawrence and Palmer. Mr. Lawrence is now in his 84th year and is still a model of punctual and regular attendance.

## A PEAL OF BOB MINIMUS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In sending the enclosed report of a 5,040 of Minimus a few words of explanation may perhaps be helpful.

Firstly, I do not know if Minimus is recognised by the Central Council and should be glad to know.

Secondly, a few words regarding the performers, who commenced ringing scarcely a year ago. They are very keen, as you will realise from the peal, and I am sure you will understand that I am anxious to encourage such keenness, particularly when I tell you that the band at Marple is not, so far, a change ringing one, call changes being rung for service. A few years ago Mr. Arthur Whiting made great efforts to get change ringing established, and we are now slowly collecting a band. We managed to ring a local peal of Doubles for the Coronation, but since then we have lost one of the band by removal, and Mr. Whiting's business is making increasing demands upon his time. But we are not downhearted and keep pegging away. The two brothers who rang the Minimus are aged 16 and 13, and, as often as possible, weather permitting, walk three miles to Disley for practice and back again. Both Mr. Whiting and I did the same, but we were much older than they are.

I feel sure you will gather from the above the true position, and that whilst peals of Minimus may be abhorrent to the 'purist,' I think that in certain circumstances any attempt to lift the standard of ringing at a tower should be encouraged, and as I myself, at the beginning, many times felt rather discouraged, I think a little stimulus to a beginner's early steps is not to be lightly turned down even to the extent of peals of Minimus under, as I said before, certain circumstances. Naturally in a change ringing tower the discouragements are lessened to a certain extent, but in a non-change ringing tower the difficulties can only be overcome by the constant maintenance of the enthusiasm of the 'would-be' change ringers.

Before long we hope to make further steps in the peal ringing line and that the Minimus will be the precursor of many more peals on higher numbers and in other methods in the course of time.

Perhaps I ought to say that the idea of a peal of Minimus was entirely their own and was just mentioned to me. I did not discourage it. Such enthusiasm is very heartening to all concerned.

Marple, Cheshire.

C. KENNETH LEWIS.

### MARPLE, CHESHIRE.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, July 30, 1938, in One Hour and Eighteen Minutes,*

*At 9, PARKFIELD AVENUE,*

#### A PEAL OF BOB MINIMUS. 5040 CHANCES :

Being 210 extents. Tenor size 11 in F sharp.

JOCelyn B. GARDINER (aged 16) 1-2 | IVAN B. GARDINER (aged 13) 3-4

First peal by both. First peal by a local band 'in hand.'

### ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

#### ENJOYABLE SUMMER MEETING.

The summer quarterly meeting of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at the Parish Church, Hampton-in-Arden. This village is delightfully situated in Warwickshire country and retains many of its ancient characteristics. The weather was fine and so a very pleasant afternoon and evening was enjoyed by the thirty or so who attended.

The Vicar (the Rev. R. C. J. B. Colthurst) welcomed the ringers on their arrival and conducted the Guild service. After tea he presided at the business meeting. Apologies for absence were read from the Master (Alderman J. S. Pritchett), the Ringing Master (Mr. F. E. Haynes), Vice-Presidents A. Paddon Smith and Albert Walker, and several other members.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. T. H. Reeves) referred to the loss the Guild had sustained by the death of Mr. George Yendall, who was a regular ringer at St. Martin's Church; he asked all to stand for a minute as a last tribute of respect.

Arising out of the minutes, the secretary read letters from Mr. John Neal and Mr. Albert Walker, the former stating he was slowly improving in health, and the latter that he had now quite recovered and was on holiday at Brighton.

The following new members were elected: Messrs. W. H. Viggers and G. Chaplin, of Hall Green, as ringing members. The Vicar of Hampton-in-Arden expressed a desire to be associated with the Guild and was duly elected an honorary member.

The tower elections of Messrs. G. W. Steere (Sutton, Surrey), Charles Camm (Upton-on-Severn) and Clifford Skidmore (Brierley Hill) as life members, and A. H. S. Renny, of Erdington, as a full ringing member, were duly ratified.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting on Saturday, October 1st, at the Cathedral Church of St. Philip. An invitation having been received to hold a joint meeting with the Warwickshire Guild at Knowle on Saturday, August 20th, it was agreed to substitute this for the usual bi-quarterly meeting. A vote of thanks to the Vicar concluded the business.

The bells were kept going in various methods, and in the evening some good practice for the assistance of the local ringers was put in.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

## SUCCESSFUL MEETING OF DORCHESTER BRANCH.

A very successful meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held at Wool on Saturday, July 23rd. No doubt the fine weather had something to do with the large gathering, to say nothing of the very warm welcome which is always given to the Guild at Wool. The six bells were available from 3 p.m., but some members found the light going of this peal very awkward. Nevertheless, good practice was obtained by the learners.

The service was very bright, and a full choir, assisted by ladies, was present. The Vicar (the Rev. E. S. Tarrant) officiated, and gave a really fine short extempore address. A large congregation was present.

The members of the Guild and friends then adjourned to the Parish Hall, where a sumptuous tea was awaiting them, over 80 being present.

In the absence of the chairman, the vice-chairman (the Rev. R. P. Farrow) presided at the business meeting. Several apologies for absence were received, including one from the chairman (the Rev. A. W. Markby). The hon. secretary reported that the next meeting would be held at Frampton in September. A warm welcome was given by the chairman and the Vicar to all present, and especially the visitors.

The Chairman proposed, and the Rev. A. F. Godley seconded, a comprehensive vote of thanks to all who had made the meeting so successful, and particularly the Vicar for conducting the service and giving such a fine, although short, address. They also thanked the donors of the tea—'The friends of Wool ringers and church'—the choir, organist and blower, and their indefatigable secretary.—The captain of the Wool ringers also joined in giving all a real welcome.—The vote was carried by acclamation.

The Chairman, as a change ringer, suggested that a special method should be practised at each meeting. He would like them to look it up beforehand.—The Deputy Ringing Master suggested that a monthly meeting for practice would help them.

Arrangements were made for some ringers to remain at Wool to help the learners and another band to go on to West Lulworth to do likewise at that tower where the bells had not been rung regularly for some time. These practices continued until late in the evening. At West Lulworth the sound of the bells brought the service ringers stationed there to visit the tower.

The methods practised were Kent and Plain Bob Minor and Grand-sire Doubles.

The following towers were represented at the meeting: Bradford Peverell, Charminster, Dorchester, Preston, Stratton, Upwey, East and West Lulworth, Wool and Wyke Regis, and welcome ringing visitors from Southwark Cathedral, Bournemouth, Lytchett Matravers and Maidenhead.

## THE NEW BELLS AT LISS.

## TWELVE RINGERS JOIN DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Alton and Petersfield District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held at Liss on July 23rd. Those present, who numbered 32, included Mr. G. Williams (Guild Ringing Master), Mr. F. W. Rogers (hon. general secretary), the Rev. C. Minton-Senhouse (district vice-chairman), the Rev. H. W. Gooch (Rector of Liss), and ringing members from Alton, Blackmoor, Froyle, Hawkley, Liss, New Alresford, North Stoneham, Bishopstoke, Petersfield, Portsea, Ryde, Steep and Southampton, and two compounding members. Mr. O. Sippetts, of Crawley, was also present. The new ring of bells in St. Mary's Church, recently installed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, were rung during the afternoon and evening from rounds to Spliced Surprise Major, and in the evening the six bells of St. Peter's Church were also rung. The Guild's service was conducted by the Rector. Tea was partaken of in St. Mary's Hall, where, before the business meeting, the company had the pleasure of hearing a record of spliced handbell ringing in five methods by members of the Hertford County Association. Mr. E. J. Munday, of Liss, kindly supplied the apparatus for reproducing this excellent performance.

At the business meeting, the Rev. C. Minton-Senhouse presided in the absence of the district chairman. Twelve new ringing members were elected from Liss and two from Steep.

The next quarterly meeting was fixed for October 22nd at Chawton. An evening practice meeting was arranged to take place at Steep. A letter of thanks to the anonymous donor of the new ring of eight bells at Liss was sent from the meeting, through the Rector and the Archdeacon of Manchester, who have acted on his (or her) behalf.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Rector of Liss, the organist and the caterers.

## BIRTHDAYS.

In honour of the 76th birthday of the local treasurer, Mr. H. H. Peters, and of the birthday on the following day of the Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung by members of the London County Association at St. Giles', Camberwell, on Sunday, July 24th: Miss B. M. Mills 1, Miss H. F. Mills 2, B. R. Harris 3, T. H. Taffender 4, E. J. King 5, T. W. Taffender (conductor) 6, P. A. Corby 7, H. H. Peters 8.

## YOUTH'S GREAT ACHIEVEMENT.

## EDWIN A. BARNETT'S 300 PEALS.

A remarkable record has been set up by Edwin A. Barnett, of Crayford. Three months before reaching the age of 20 he has rung 300 peals. He completed the total last week, when, at High Wycombe, he rang his first peal of Stedman Cinques. What makes his record the more extraordinary is the great variety of methods which have been included. The peals have been rung on all numbers from Doubles to Maximus and in no fewer than 37 Major methods. Many of these, of course, he has only rung once, but in more than a dozen instances he has called this single peal. Out of the 300 which he has rung, he has conducted 48, including one in every Triples method, as well as one or more in each of 28 Major methods.



EDWIN A. BARNETT.

'Teddy' has rung 124 peals in Crayford tower. His unique record of peals is worth giving in detail:—

## ON TOWER BELLS.

	Rung	Cond.		Rung	Cond.
Doubles	1	1	Superlative	17	3
Minor	2		Yorkshire	3	1
Grandsire Triples	17	1	Pudsey	1	1
Union	2	1	Lincolnshire	3	1
Bob	2	1	Ipswich	1	
Canterbury Pleasure	1	1	Erith	1	
Stedman	37	1	Crayford	1	
Bob Major	32	4	Ashted	2	
Reverse Bob	1	1	Lutterworth	1	
Double Bob	1		Lessness	1	
Canterbury Pleasure	2	1	Staffordshire	1	
Double Norwich	23	3	Cranbourne	1	
Real Double Norwich	1	1	London	13	1
Double Oxford	2	1	Bristol	11	1
Hereward Bob	1	1	4 Spliced Surprise	8	
St. Clement's	1	1	Stedman	2	
Painswick College	1	1	Bob Royal	1	
Ashbourne College	1		Kent Treble Bob	1	
Pulford Bob	1	1	Cam	1	1
Little Bob	2	1	Cambridge Surprise	2	
Dartford Little Bob	1	1	Stedman Cinques	1	
Erith Little Bob	1	1	Bob Maximus	1	
Northfleet Little Bob	1		ON HANDBELLS.		
Kent Treble Bob	16	4	Bob Major	11	
Oxford	4	3	Grandsire Caters	1	
Spliced Kent & Oxford	1	1	Bob Royal	4	
Granta	1	1	Granta Treble Bob	1	
Cam	1	1	Bob Maximus	2	
Cambridge Surprise	44	3			
New Cambridge	6	2			
			Total	300	48

## MUFFLED BELLS.

At St. Helen's Church, Darley Dale, Derbyshire, for evening service on May 22nd, 1,344 Oxford Bob Triples was rung by the regular service ringers as a mark of respect to the late Miss C. Allsop, who had passed away on May 21st. She was an earnest churchworker and a close relative to three members of the Darley Dale band: D. Scott (aged 12) 1, R. Allsop 2, B. Allsop 3, H. W. Gregory 4, H. E. Taylor 5, Ron Allsop 6, G. H. Paulson (conductor) 7, R. Benton 8. This touch was taken from the peal of Oxford Bob by H. Johnson.

**CLERGY AND RINGERS.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—It is with mixed feelings that one reads the current issue of 'The Ringing World.' There is an account of a pleasant meeting held at St. Mary's Church, Acton. Here the ringers were welcomed by the Rector, who spoke well of the ringers' craft and thanked them for their work. Afterwards he invited them to take tea on the Rectory lawn, where a most enjoyable time was spent and appreciated by all. (By the way, the Wellingborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild were welcomed at Castle Ashby, on Saturday last, by the Rector, in just the same kindly manner. Fifty were entertained to tea, given by him and his good friends, and one came away encouraged for the future of the association.) Then we turn to the letter by 'Ringer and Church Official.' Here we have a Vicar indifferent to his own County Association holding meetings in his tower, but welcoming others. Another Vicar complains of ringers who never enter the east end of the church, etc.

Which of these clergymen are doing the most to raise the standard of the ringers' outlook and furthering the good work of the associations?

It seems another case of the 'poor' parson and church official running down the 'poor' ringer.

Thank goodness there are good ringers, in the true sense of the word, together with good clergy, who are a pleasure to work with.

A. BIGLEY.

Irthlingborough.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

A meeting of the Eastern Division of the Sussex Association was held at Waldron on Saturday, July 23rd, when members attended from Eastbourne (St. Saviour's), Hastings (All Saints', Christ Church, Blacklands, and St. Clement's), Battle, Rotherfield, Mayfield, Hailsham, Uckfield, Lewes, Northiam and Brighton (St. Nicholas). Some good ringing was done during the afternoon and evening. After service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. R. W. D. Stephenson), tea was served on the Rectory lawn.

At the business meeting which followed, the Rector occupied the chair, and the election of Mr. Norman S. Bagworth, of Fulham, was confirmed.

Mr. W. Franks proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, conducting the service and for providing such a splendid tea. This concluded the meeting and the ringers then returned to the tower.

**THE OLDEST PRACTISING RINGER.**

In a report of the Rugby ringers' annual outing it was stated that, in entertaining the company with reminiscences of his career, Mr. James George reminded the party that he was the oldest practising ringer in the world.

He had apparently forgotten ex-Sergt. Joseph Williams, of Newent, Gloucestershire, who writes that he is 13 months older than Mr. George and rings every week. He rang in a peal of Bob Major at Barnwood early this year when he was four months past his 85th birthday.

G. E. S. writes on the same subject: All due respect to Mr. James George's amazing performances, but he is hardly correct in saying 'that he is the oldest practising ringer in the world.' Mr. Robert H. Brundle, of Ipswich, will be 87 years old in about six weeks' time, and rings at St. Mary-le-Tower on every possible occasion, even including the tenor.

Another correspondent points out that an older ringer than Mr. James George is Mr. Coombes, of the band at All Saints' Church, Ryde, Isle of Wight, who is 94 years of age.

**NORFOLK RINGERS AT ST. FAITH'S.**

A very successful meeting of the North Norfolk Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association was held at St. Faith's. About 30 members attended from Buxton, Dersingham, Gressenhall, Garveston, Hethersett, Halvergate, Norwich, North Walsham, Mulbarton, Reedham, Saxlingham, Wroxham, Wymondham and Yarmouth. A short service was held in the afternoon, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. E. Darbyshire-Bowles), and the association's form was used.

Tea was provided in the Church Room, where the business meeting was afterwards held, with the Rev. H. W. Benson in the chair, supported by the Rev. Darbyshire-Bowles, Mr. A. L. Coleman (vice-president), Mr. F. Nolan Golden (general secretary and treasurer), Mr. H. Tooke (branch secretary), Messrs. G. Bailey, W. C. Duffield, A. H. Holliday and G. Mayers (members of the committee). The branch secretary apologised for the absence of Mr. W. Clover. Other branches were represented by Mr. W. L. Duffield (chairman, South Norfolk), Messrs. W. J. Lee and J. G. W. Harwood (chairman and secretary, East Norfolk).

Mr. A. L. Coleman moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of St. Faith's for the use of the bells, for conducting the service and for entertaining the ringers to tea. Mr. W. C. Duffield seconded and the vote was acknowledged by the Vicar.

The next meeting will be held at Wiveton on Saturday, September 17th. A bus can be arranged to take members to this meeting if enough names are forthcoming. The fare will be 2s. 6d.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP

The Rector of Culworth, Northants, has introduced the 'Peace' bell, which is now rung daily as a reminder to the villagers to offer a prayer for the peace of the world.

His many friends will much regret to learn that Mr. James George is in A7 Ward, Dudley Road Hospital, Birmingham. He was conveyed there a week ago, suffering from a septic condition of one leg and an operation was performed.

Many older ringers will be sorry to hear that Mr. Charles Wilkins underwent a serious operation in St. Peter's Hospital, Covent Garden, on Tuesday of last week, but will be pleased to hear that he is progressing satisfactorily.

Mr. Wilkins in his younger days was associated with the late George Newson and later with the late Mr. W. Pye. With the former he took part in the 13,440 of Double Norwich in 1894, and the first peal of London by the Cumberlands. He is the sole survivor of both these bands. Among many peals with Mr. Pye in which he took part were the 15,072 of Double Norwich in 1899, the first twelve-bell peal by the Middlesex Association—Kent Maximus at St. Michael's, Cornhill, in 1900—and the brothers Pye's first peal of London.

Another invalid is Mr. J. H. Cheesman, of Greenhithe. It is not long since he was out of ringing for some months owing to an accident. He has now to return to hospital for medical treatment for a different illness, and is awaiting admission to Guy's Hospital. To Mr. Cheesman, also, ringers will extend their sympathy and good wishes.

A ringing trip in Scotland begins to-morrow. In the course of the tour peals are to be attempted at Inveraray, Paisley, Alloa, two towers in Dundee and St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh. The Treble Ten at Inveraray will be the first attempt for a peal on the bells.

## NAMING METHODS.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—At the late Council meeting a great deal was said about the 'traditional custom' for the ringers of a new method to have the right to name that method. Is there, or has there ever been, such a 'custom'?

I seem to remember the late Rev. Law James, at the Lincoln meeting, I think, saying that the committee had decided to introduce something entirely new, and to publish certain methods identified by numbers only, and to invite those bands who first rang them to send in a name for each such method.

If this so-called custom was introduced so lately, and on one occasion only as an experiment; and, moreover, if (as we were assured at the meeting) that experiment was a complete failure; how can it be either traditional or a custom?

What has always been the practice, in this and similar matters, is for the person responsible for introducing the thing to be also responsible for introducing the name. If we leave one to the committee to see to, ought we not also to leave the other? If they are jointly responsible for the one, let them be jointly responsible for the other.

Ufford Rectory.

HERBERT DRAKE.

## HOW TO SET A PEAL OF EIGHT.

ISLE OF ELY RECTOR'S COLLECTION OF BELLS.

Recently the Rector of Doddington, Isle of Ely, advertised in 'The Times' newspaper: 'Will anyone give me a church bell for my thirteenth century tower?'

'The advertisement,' says 'Peterborough Citizen,' 'has been the means of putting him on the track of six bells. Three bells have been given him. One, cast of silver, came from Eltham. It was used at Sebastopol. Other bells came from Acton and Newport (Mon.). The Rector has bought another bell, which was found in a garden, and is inquiring about two other bells in a garden near the Great North Road. He wishes to complete a peal of eight bells for his church. A few months ago an advertisement in 'The Times' led an anonymous donor to present to Doddington Church an organ worth £2,500.'

We have doubts about his ability to make a successful ring of eight out of his collection.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

There was only a small attendance at Farnborough on Saturday, July 30th, for the meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, and everyone present had plenty of ringing on the light, rather noisy peal of six. Standard Minor and Doubles methods were thoroughly explored during the afternoon and again in the evening.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rector of Farnborough (Canon W. A. Challacombe), who gave a short, but very enlightening address. Tea was partaken of in the Railway Hotel, 23 sitting down, following which the business meeting was presided over by Mr. R. Whittington (Cranleigh). Mr. P. Dadson (Frensham) and Mr. Maull (Hawley) were elected ringing members. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Mr. and Mrs. W. Cope (Guildford), Mr. G. Gasson (Farnborough), Mr. R. Hasted (Farnham), District Ringing Master, and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (vice-president).

Votes of thanks to all who had helped towards the arrangements of the meeting concluded the business.

Towers represented included Aldershot, Ash, Farnborough, Cranleigh, Guildford (S. Nicolas'), Hawley, Chertsey, Hurst, Kirkby Stephen (Westmoreland) and Bungay St. Mary.



## LEADING CONDUCTORS—30.

## CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

Among conductors who have done something to break away from the beaten track has been Mr. Charles H. Kippin, of Beddington. Under his leadership the band at that Surrey tower have set up new standards in Surprise Royal ringing and have done a good deal to show its practicability. London Surprise Royal has several times been rung, and Mr. Kippin and his band were the first to ring Bristol Royal and four Surprise Royal methods spliced into one peal.

Mr. Kippin is a native of Beddington, where he was born on August 31st, 1905. He began ringing in April, 1920, and rang his first peal on November 5th in the following year at Beddington. He has taken part in a number of noteworthy performances at this tower, practically all of which he has conducted. Among them have been a peal of Grandsire Caters by a band all under 21 years of age, the youngest band to ring a ten-bell peal. That was in October, 1924. In 1932 the first peals of Londonthorpe and Beddington Surprise Major were rung at Beddington, and then followed the development of Surprise Royal. Numerous peals of London Surprise have been rung, as well as, of course, of Cambridge. The first of Bristol Surprise Royal was accomplished in February, 1934, and the first of Superlative Royal for the Surrey Association in September, 1935. This was followed in January, 1936, with the first peal of Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Royal.

Mr. Kippin has called a number of peals for the first time for the Surrey Association, including the first twelve-bell peal, which was Grandsire Cinques at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, in December, 1924, and the first Spliced Surprise peal, rung in four methods, at Godstone. In addition he called the longest peal by the association, a 19406 Double Norwich Major at Christ Church, Epsom, in April, 1926.

Before he was 21, Mr. Kippin rang Bow tenor (53 cwt.) to a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, afterwards unfortunately found to be false, and Southwark Cathedral tenor (50 cwt.) to Stedman Cinques. Altogether he has rung 325 peals, of which he has conducted 215. Ninety-three of his peals have been in Beddington tower.

Mr. Kippin served the Surrey Association as hon. secretary for ten years from 1927 to 1937, and acted for the next year as assistant hon. secretary, while he has represented the association on the Central Council from 1929 to the present time.

Mr. Kippin's father and his two sisters (Mrs. F. H. Housden and Miss Kippin) have been ringers at Beddington, although the former has not rung a peal since he rang the tenor to his son's first peal.



MR. CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

## PRESENTATION TO RETIRED POLICE RINGER.

## MEMBER OF MANCHESTER TOWN HALL BAND.

In the belfry at the Town Hall, Manchester, on Wednesday, July 27th, Supt. Williams, of the Manchester City Police and president of the National Guild of Police Ringers, presented to ex-Constable John Mulliner a chiming clock. It was the gift of his fellow-police ringers of Manchester Town Hall, and he is a member of the National Police Guild. Ex-Constable Mulliner has just retired from Manchester Police Force after 26 years' service.

Supt. Williams said Mr. Mulliner answered a call to fill a vacancy in the band some years ago, and since then had been very consistent in his attention to his duty as a ringer, and he hoped that when he heard the clock chiming it would bring back many happy memories. He also hoped that both he and Mrs. Mulliner would enjoy good health and listen to those chimes for many years to come.—Mr. Mulliner very suitably replied.

There was also present, apart from the Town Hall ringers, three other police pensioner ringers and a few friends.

## STEDMAN TRIPLES.

## To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am interested in Dr. Slack's letter, but his strictures leave me impenitent and I see no reason to modify the statements he criticises.

I said that it has not been proved that a peal of Stedman Triples cannot be produced by common bobs alone, but that such is the fact cannot be doubted; and I think that fairly states the case. Of course, there are some people who will doubt anything.

The law of the Q sets is a universal one which cannot be broken, though at times it appears to work in a somewhat complicated manner. Anyone who has studied the working of this law will not doubt, I think, that a peal of Stedman Triples with bobs only is not possible, but, if Dr. Slack can compose such a peal, I, for one, would be glad to admit that he was far cleverer than the rest of composers. Meanwhile, the onus of proof is with him, and he has no right to accuse me of treating in an 'airy' way a matter on which several competent men have come to a unanimous conclusion. I may, perhaps, be permitted to quote Sir Arthur Heywood, who, with Mr. W. H. Thompson and the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, went very deeply into the matter. 'Many arguments can be advanced in support of the contention that the extent in a legitimate method cannot be obtained by bobs, but I am not concerned to say more than that since we have an absolute proof of the impossibility in regard to Grandsire and the kindred methods, we may well rest assured that the same is true of Stedman.'

In his second criticism Dr. Slack misquotes me by the very common method of taking a sentence out of its context and picking it to pieces. I was explaining that it is easy enough to set down the 5,040 rows in 84 true P blocks of Stedman Triples, and I said that in theory to join 84 P blocks together by omits and two singles is not a very difficult thing; but in practice it would be complicated by the man finding out sooner or later that a row he required as a Six end was in the interior of a Six. That exactly expresses what I meant to say. It hardly required a letter from Dr. Slack to point out that the way out of the difficulty would be for the man to choose the P blocks with the right Six ends. But the man who has done that has already solved the hardest part of his problem.

My statement that a peal composed in this way would be difficult to call and the number of bobs would make the length of dodging behind intolerable is perfectly sound.

May I say that I wrote the book for the average intelligent ringer, not for such people as Dr. Slack, and I can assure him that no one and nothing 'compels him to protest' against 'the unscientific way,' I treated 'real problems connected with the scientific side of ringing,' except his own laudable desire that other people should know his opinions.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

## NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

## FUTURE OF ANNUAL DINNER IN BALANCE.

A meeting of the North Staffordshire Association was held at Draycott on Saturday, July 23rd, when a company of 27 attended from Burslem, Biddulph, Draycott, Kingsley, Loughton, Stoke-on-Trent, Stafford and Newcastle. Tea was held in the Schoolroom, where the association was welcomed by Mr. W. Shelley, who said he was glad to see the good number of young members present apart from their own.

Mr. T. Hurd thanked the ringers for their welcome, and Mr. J. Cottrell seconded the vote of thanks. He said he was glad to see with them the Rector-designate of Draycott. He would find the ringers of the church his best churchmen.

The Rev. A. Stanley (Rector-designate) thanked the ringers for their kind invitation to the meeting, and said he was pleased to see the goodwill and fellowship which existed amongst ringers. He was sure bellringing was an important part of the service, and he would endeavour to give every support to the ringers.

Two new members were elected, Messrs. R. Grocott and R. Hulme, both of Draycott.

A committee meeting was held after tea, when a report of the Central Council meeting was given by the secretary.

Arising out of the report was the question of the association taking up their share of payment towards the cost of the publication of the Surprise Major Methods book. This was unanimously agreed to.

One of the main subjects on the agenda was the annual dinner for 1939. There was a long discussion, and the members were very undecided whether to hold one or not, as two of the clergy had protested against it being held on licensed premises. A suggestion was made that an outing should displace the dinner, but the matter still remains to be settled.

The resignation of Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, Ringing Master for six-bell towers, owing to the illness of his wife, was read by the secretary. It was moved by Mr. A. Thompson, seconded by Mr. K. Thacker, that Mr. T. Hurd be elected as acting Ringing Master, when Mr. J. E. Wheeldon is unable to be present.—This was supported by all the committee and agreed to.

## 'BUSMAN'S HOLIDAYS.' HOW RINGERS SPEND THEIR OUTINGS. Long Journeys and Much Ringing.

With all the facilities that are now offered for travel, ringers get farther and farther afield when they take their annual 'busman's holiday,' tour the countryside in search of new towers in which to exercise their art, and spend the day in riding, ringing and restaurants. It is no unusual thing now for a party to travel a couple of hundred miles on their outing, and to include anything from six to a dozen towers in their itinerary. Numerous reports are coming in to us of some of these very enjoyable excursions, and below we give extracts from many of them.

### MAKING A DAY OF IT.

For a really 'full' day, commend us to the 'jaunt' undertaken by the Surfleet band. They decided to visit the Empire Exhibition in Glasgow. They left home at midnight, and got back again at 5 a.m. the next day! Were they tired? Ask them!

When the ringers of St. Laurence's, Reading, have their annual outing under the chaperonage of Mr. Tom Hibbert, he sees to it with boyish spirit that they, too, 'make it a day,' with 'distance no object.' This year they went east on a real 'steeple chase,' which took them as far as Canterbury. By 8.30 in the morning they were ringing on the twelve bells of Croydon Parish Church. They also rang at St. Peter's, South Croydon, on the ten, before breakfasting on the road to Maidstone, where they were welcomed at All Saints' Church by local ringers. Having 'sampled' the bells, they went on to Leeds, of long peal fame, and the lively ten were soon showing the ringers that the bells wanted handling, several slipping wheel during touches of Stedman Caters and Bob Royal. After dinner at the George Hotel they continued the journey to Canterbury. A few short touches at St. Stephen's, Hackington, then the gem of the day. The fine twelve at the glorious Cathedral were theirs for one hour, and Stedman Cinques were rung. The trouble was to get the party away, everyone wishing to see as much of the Cathedral as possible. At last, however, a move was made and Rochester reached one hour late. Tea put new heart into some of the flagging bodies, and soon Stedman Caters were rolling from the fine ten in the Cathedral tower. Three leads of Treble Ten, well struck, finished the day's ringing, and 'Westward Ho' was the cry. Home was reached in the small hours of the morning, but everyone declared it one of the best outings ever. A very pleasant item was the presence at Rochester of Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, of Gravesend, who was once a 'Reading gal,' and who was very pleased to meet some of the 'old uns.'

### BARHAM'S GRAVE VISITED.

Some Kentish towers, including Maidstone, Leeds and Rochester Cathedral, were also included in the long itinerary of the Helmingham (Suffolk) ringers, who left home at six in the morning and did not get back until after midnight. They were favoured with a perfect day and reached the hop county by crossing Tilbury ferry. They rang Surprise methods on the fine eight at Wrotham, and Treble Ten at Maidstone and Leeds. Lunch at the George in the latter village was followed by a visit to the grave of James Barham, the hero of so many ringing feats in the eighteenth century. Ringing at Chatham and Rochester followed, the party being joined at the latter place by their old friend, Mr. G. H. Cross, who had given great assistance in the making of arrangements. Ringing concluded for the day at Milton-next-Gravesend, where the party received a warm welcome from Mr. F. M. Mitchell, hon. secretary of the Kent County Association. Although Sunday had just begun before Helmingham was reached, the bells of St. Mary's Church went off into Cambridge Surprise as punctually as ever, before the morning service.

The same ferry boat that took the Helmingham men from Tilbury to Gravesend carried another party of ringers into Kent. These were the band from All Saints' Church, Maldon, accompanied by wives and friends. They rang in the morning at Gillingham and Faversham, and in the afternoon went on to Canterbury, ringing at Hackington and visiting the Cathedral. Recrossing the Thames on the way home they again found themselves in the company of their Helmingham ringing friends.

Breakfast on the road was an indication of an early start also by the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich. Twenty-six members and friends made the excursion, and had their first meal at Bramfield, where the round tower stands a distance from the church. This village is near Halesworth, where the party were met by the 'ever-green' Mr. Fred C. Lambert, and the nice eight bells at the Parish Church told a good tale in London Surprise. At Beccles, where, again, the ten-bell tower stands away from the church, a wedding was in progress. Cambridge Royal, Grandsire and 'firing' were performed for the benefit of the happy couple. Cambridge Major and Bob Triples were rung on the newly-augmented peal at Gorleston, and then to dinner at Great Yarmouth, where at the Parish Church Yorkshire Maximus and Stedman Cinques were rung. Reaching Norwich, Bristol Major was rung at St. Giles, a curious touch of London at St. Miles', and then the majority had the pleasure of listening to a well-struck course of Superlative Major on the back eight of St. Peter Mancroft, at which tower a faultless course of Cambridge Maximus was also rung. Turning south, the journey home was interrupted by a 'pull in' at the Ram, Tivetshall, where an impromptu concert was given, showing that ringers can also be singers. Ipswich was reached by midnight, very good going for some of the 'boys,' such as 'Bob' Brundle (87) and some others over three score years and ten.

### A SUNDAY TOUR.

Glorious weather favoured the Woodford (Essex) ringers and their friends when a party of 32 made a Sunday visit to some interesting churches of Hertfordshire, Northampton and Huntingdon. Hitchin was reached in time to ring for morning service. The next call was at Finedon, where ringing at St. Mary's Church was followed by a well-served dinner at the Prince of Wales Hotel, of which Mr. J. R. Hensher is the ringer-proprietor. In the afternoon St. Andrew's, Great Staughton, was visited, and then a short run brought the party to St. Mary's, St. Neots, in time to ring touches prior to evening service on the fine eight (tenor 30 cwt.) which hang in the magnificent tower. The majestic church is a fine example of a Gothic building, with outstanding oak roofs, beautifully carved, with images depicting fishes, mermaids, deer, hares and other peculiar designs. Stained glass windows adorn every wall of this striking edifice, all in keeping with the grandeur of the interior.

After a refreshing tea at the Royal Oak Hotel, Messrs. S. Webb, F. Corney, J. Crampion and C. Morss were specially thanked for arranging a most successful outing, and a reference was made to the two couples in the party, Mr. and Mrs. J. Rann, and Mr. and Mrs. E. Bacon, of Loughton, who recently celebrated their 'jubilees.' The run home was made via Caxton-Gibbett, Royston and Buntingford.

Swindon Parish Church ringers visited Hampshire and Sussex for their outing. Accompanied by a few friends, the journey to Portsmouth was made by train, from which point a motor-coach provided the means of locomotion. They first rang at Havant and then went on to Chichester for lunch, prior to having a pull on the Cathedral eight. Petworth and Petersfield were afterwards visited before returning to Portsmouth for tea. A short spell of ringing took place at St. Mary's, Portsea, and the remainder of the evening was spent in divers ways at Southsea. Swindon was reached at 12.30 a.m. after a most enjoyable day. The West Sussex scenery was much admired, being a contrast to the downs of Wiltshire. The ringing throughout the day was very good, touches in the standard methods and Cambridge Major being rung. Thanks of the Swindon ringers are extended to all who helped to make the outing a success, especially Mr. F. W. Rogers, of Portsmouth, whose advice on local matters was very much appreciated.

### A RUN THROUGH SOMERSET.

The band of ringers connected with St. David's, Exeter, completed its fiftieth year at Easter, and it seems fitting that an extended tour should have been planned for the outing this year. Somerset has some of the finest towers in the land and many of the peals of bells are far famed.

The party left Exeter soon after 8.30 a.m. There was a good company of ringers and friends, including Mr. Tucker, a churchwarden of St. David's. The first stop was Wilton, Taunton, where the light tuneful peal responded to Grandsire Triples and Doubles. St. David's band ever encourages young ringers, and Mr. Gardner, the captain, helped by Mr. Searle, is always working at recruits to the Exercise.

Leaving Taunton, interest was directed to the Isle of Athelney and the great marshy stretches where the 'Welgar' grows and the impressive centres of Ling and Street. There could be but a passing glance towards the Abbot's Kitchen and what remains of the historic and glorious Glastonbury. St. Cuthbert's, Wells, was the next objective, and the party were made fully conscious of the many archaeological beauties of the sacred edifice by the Rev. Preb. Cooke, who most kindly greeted them. St. Cuthbert's octave is heavy, tenor 28 cwt., and the band contented itself with rounds and Doubles on the back six. Some would have been charmed with hearing these beautiful bells responding to a touch of well-struck Triples.

Nor was the famous Cathedral of Wells forgotten. Some of the visitors admired the magnificent west front, and a few risked a frown from the captain (two o'clock was the time for leaving Wells) by waiting until the famous 14th century clock performed at the hour. Passing through the famous gorge, a halt was called at Cheddar, where a few of the adventurous spirits climbed 'a Jacob's Ladder,' while more sober-minded Mr. Ryle, Churchwarden Tucker and a couple of others sampled Cheddar ice-creams to their satisfaction.

By way of Axbridge, Highbridge and Bridgewater, North Petherton was reached. To the disappointment of all, the bells (a heavy six) were not available, and the party had to be content with listening to the clock chimes from the very fine tower. The hostess of the Clarence served a sumptuous tea, and, in spite of the disappointment of no ringing, there was no grumble. Mr. Gardner was thanked by Mr. Tucker for all his trouble, and all the interest he took in St. David's bells. The whole party heartily agreed that the trip was a 'best ever.' By 7 p.m. the band was busy with the bells at Wellington. Doubles went very well on the front six, with six, seven and tenor beating time behind, and the younger members did quite well. Such outings, when the glorious countryside can be most admired, add a flavour to the Exercise very peculiar and appropriate to itself, and it is the sincere hope of all that Mr. Gardner will be long spared to arrange other such excursions.

### AN OUTING WITHOUT RINGING.

North Shields ringers went to Knaresborough and Harrogate for their outing this year. The weather was not of the best, but they were able to enjoy the lovely walks and gardens in both these towns, finishing up at 'the pictures' as a means of passing away the time until the excursion was due to return. The ringers were greatly disappointed in not getting a ring at Knaresborough. An application

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## RINGERS' OUTINGS.

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was made to the Vicar for the use of the bells, but received a reply saying that as a similar request had had to be refused, they could not accede to the application of the North Shields band. This is the first outing on which the North Shields ringers have had no ringing for over 30 years (excepting the war years), and the first refusal excepting York Minster. In that case the application was not early enough, but Mr. Fearnley made arrangements for ringing at Escrick instead. The North Shields ringers would especially have enjoyed a good ring on this occasion, as their own bells had been away at a bell foundry since the week after Easter. It would have afforded a welcome practice, as half of the ringers are also choirmen and cannot visit other churches on Sunday for ringing. However, the outing was enjoyed and the ringers are grateful to the Vicar and churchwardens for defraying the expenses out of church funds.

Members and friends of the Daventry Branch of the Peterborough Guild enjoyed ringing at six towers when they went on their third annual outing. Southam, Kington and Claverdon were visited in the afternoon. At Claverdon an unusual colouring of sallies—black and yellow—provided an unexpected spectacle. However, they did not detract from the 'go' of the bells.

Tea at the Porridge Pot Cafe, Warwick, was followed by ringing at St. Mary's, where the ten bells would have been rung only to rounds but for the assistance of some local ringers, who enabled the visitors, principally six-bell ringers, to manage a course of Grandsire Caters.

Proceeding to Lillington, near Leamington, the party found an exceedingly well-appointed and beautifully-maintained church. The ringing chamber is somewhat cramped because it housed the organ-blower. Being on ball bearings and light (tenor 9½ cwt.), these bells proved rather difficult of handling, since they were eight in a small space. Finally Church Lawford, near Rugby, offered a light six, also on ball bearings. And so home to Daventry again about 10 p.m. The arrangements were in the capable hands of Mrs. M. Powell, who must be thanked for a most entertaining expedition. Nor must the incumbents, steeplekeepers and local ringers who allowed the use of bells and gave assistance in ringing be overlooked in expressions of gratitude.

## A VISIT TO EXETER.

The ringers of St. Peter's Parish Church, Bournemouth, had a very successful excursion to Exeter for their outing. They were accompanied by the senior priest of St. Peter's, the Rev. F. A. Sanders, the Rev. C. A. Phillips, Mr. George Preston (Christchurch), Mr. F. W. Townsend (Poole) and Mr. H. Bennett (St. John's) amongst other friends, the party numbering 19.

Proceeding via Dorchester, the first halt was made at Ilminster for a ring on the Parish Church bells and light refreshment. It was a great pleasure to have Mr. D. G. Taylor standing in a short touch of Kent Major, and St. Peter's ringers have made a note of Ilminster Church and bells for another time. Exeter was reached shortly after midday, but owing to the difficulty experienced in getting through the busy city, the party was behind schedule at St. Thomas'. Among other friends waiting was the Rev. E. V. Cox, who took part in a course of Double Norwich before hurrying away to other duties. Luncheon was taken at the Globe Hotel, and, after a short inspection of the Cathedral, the return journey was started via Sidmouth for a short ring on the Parish Church bells. It was noted that the cricket team of this picturesque resort had the 'Test Match' feeling, the very satisfactory score of 236 for six wickets being on the board at 4.30.

Driving through the picturesque countryside via Axminster, Bridport was reached at 6 o'clock for the evening meal and ringing on the much admired peal of eight bells. At nine the party redemptantly made a start for home, and shortly after eleven an empty coach was making its way to the garage. The ringers had enjoyed some good striking in four different towers, the methods being Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major, and wish to thank the various incumbents and steeplekeepers for the use of their beautiful bells.

## BEDFORDSHIRE RINGERS IN SURREY.

For their annual excursion, the Leighton Buzzard (Bedfordshire) ringers visited Surrey and enjoyed a very full day's outing. By 10.30 a.m. they had arrived at Aldershot, where the fine light ring of eight delighted everyone. They were joined by Southampton ringers, and a combined band rang a splendid course of Cambridge Major. Leaving the Southerners to keep the bells turning, the Bedfordshire men had a short journey to Farnham for the next ring. The tower is a massive piece of stonework, and the ropes are well distributed round the large belfry. After an hour's good ringing the bells were lowered with an excellent rhythm to the delight of all. Lunch was served at the Bush Hotel. The journey from Farnham to Guildford along the Hog's Back is a delight to all lovers of the countryside. Ringing at St. Nicolas' was next on the programme, and the fine-going ten were set in motion to Caters and Royal. Dorking was the next stop, and after some delay in finding the keys, the ringers climbed to the tower and were surprised to find such a small belfry. Calculating the height of the steeple compared with Leighton spire was a good test for the scouts and was revealed as 210ft., or about 25ft. higher than Leighton.

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## A PEAL OF ORIGINAL MAJOR.

MR. G. E. FEIRN'S COMPOSITION.

As we recorded at the time, the peal of Original Major rung at Holesby, Lincs, on May 29th, was the first in the method with 4th's place bobs. It was composed and conducted by Mr. G. E. Feirn, and here are the figures, the number of changes being 5,004:—

123456	M	2	1	W	H
163542	—	—	—	—	2
561342	—	—	—	1	1
631542	1	—	—	—	1
351642	1	—	—	—	1
653142	—	—	—	1	1
156342	—	—	—	1	1
614532	—	—	—	—	—
463152	—	—	—	—	—
345612	—	—	—	—	—
A 531462	—	—	—	—	—
435162	—	—	—	1	1
315462	1	—	—	—	1
145362	1	—	—	—	1
341562	—	—	—	1	1
543162	—	—	—	1	1
413562	1	—	—	—	1
153462	1	—	—	—	1
451362	—	—	—	1	1
354162	—	—	—	1	1
514362	1	—	—	—	1
134562	1	—	—	—	1

5A 641523, omitting last five courses of 5th A Block, and calling 1st course of 1st A Block M 2 1 W H\*.

5A 123564, calling 1st course of 1st A Block as # above and omitting the 2nd course.

5A 123645, calling 1st course of 1st A Block M 2 1 W H.

5A 123456, called as previous part.

A 4th's place bob is made throughout, and there are 720 bobs. A bob at 2 is made when the tenor is leading, and a bob at 1 is made when the 7th leads.

## 5,184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY C. W. ROBERTS.

23456 B M W H

35264	—	—	—	—
63254	—	—	—	—
25634	—	—	—	—
32654	—	—	—	—
65324	—	—	—	—
36524	—	—	—	—
53624	—	—	—	—
46325	—	—	—	—
34625	—	—	—	—
23645	—	—	—	—
64235	—	—	—	—
26435	—	—	—	—
42635	—	—	—	—
42356	—	—	—	—
35426	—	—	—	—
43526	—	—	—	—
54326	—	—	—	—
25346	—	—	—	—
34256	—	—	—	—
53246	—	—	—	—
24536	—	—	—	—
52436	—	—	—	—
45236	—	—	—	—
23456	—	—	—	—

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A very good tea was served by Mrs. Benson in the Church Hall. The next stage of the journey to Kingston-on-Thames proved, for the first part, to be at snail's pace, owing to holiday traffic. Ringing at Kingston Parish Church was, however, worth waiting for. The fine peal of ten, hung reversed, was thoroughly enjoyed. The journey home was made by way of Ealing, Barnet and St. Albans, and ended a grand day's outing. Thanks are extended to all tower secretaries, etc., who did so much to make the excursion such a success.

**FALSE PEAL REPLACED.****RINGERS REVISIT SURFLEET.**

A year ago a peal of Stedman Cinques was rung at Surfleet by a band collected from many places. Later on, the composition was found to be false. The company had visited the famous Lincolnshire church as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, and last Saturday as many of them as possible accepted an invitation to replace the previous performance with a true peal and to enjoy once more the generous hospitality of the 'Mayor and Mayoress.'

The vanguard arrived on Friday evening, and the remainder rolled up at odd times the next day. The last to arrive was a gentleman who, on one former occasion, had gone astray, and it seemed as if he must have missed his way again, so long did he delay his coming. But this time it really was the fault of the railway company.

Everybody was tremendously pleased to have with them again Mr. Albert Walker, of Birmingham, in completely restored health. It was his first peal attempt since his long illness. There was, however, regret that indisposition kept away Mr. John Holman, of Sheffield, and at the last minute Mr. George Ladd, from the neighbouring village of Pinchbeck, kindly stepped into the breach. Mrs. Richardson, who last year stood down to allow Mr. F. E. Haynes, of Birmingham, to ring, was in the band, but the other ten were the same as twelve months ago.

Although the peal was 'the thing,' it did not cause half as much trouble or excitement as some of the competitions which took place on Glyn Garth lawn during the week-end. A year ago tennis was the vogue, and Rupert, it was learned, had gone into training for renewed combat. But some of the rest subtly suggested that bowls would be more in keeping with their advancing years. Actually they thought Rupert could not stoop in comfort. But they were deceived. He can send down a useful 'wood' as well as throw a pretty dart, and, although he was not on the winning side, he 'won the war' when it came to 'reparations.'

On Monday a peal of Superlative Surprise Major was rung at Spalding, where, in the Vicar (Canon B. G. Nicolas), the Birmingham men met a former curate of Christ Church, West Bromwich, in the days when the late Samuel Reeves was in charge there, and a photographic group of those days recalled pleasant memories.

The break up of the happy party came all too soon, but, having been elected members of the Glyn Garth Society, they will be at liberty, subject to the payment of their subscriptions, to 'come again next year.' The thanks of everyone were given to Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, but words cannot convey the appreciation which all felt for the lavish kindness extended to them on yet one more occasion.

**RECTOR REGRETS NEGLECTED BELFRY.**

The cycling brigade was much in evidence at Ockley, a pretty Surrey village, when the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held its usual biennial meeting there. The fine weather helped the attendance, but the long spell of drought must have affected the 'go' of the bells, the back ones especially keeping one guessing as to whether they were going up or dropping back.

It seems a pity that there is no local change ringing band at this church, for the Rector (the Rev. H. C. Martin) is himself an hon. member of the Guild and can handle a bell and takes an interest in ringing and ringers, though not a change ringer, coming from Cornwall, where rising and falling in peal are the thing.

In his address the Rector said how sorry he felt sometimes when his end of the church—the choir, etc.—was well manned, and the other end—ringing being done on the ground floor and open to the church—was sadly neglected.

Tea was served at the King's Arms, 23 sitting down, many more than a pessimistic secretary had anticipated, and the Rector took the chair for the short business meeting which followed.

The election as a compounding member previous to a peal at Dorking of Mr. E. A. Barnett, of Crayford, Kent, was confirmed, and then followed a discussion on a circular as proposed at the Ashted meeting to stimulate a drive for hon. members. The secretary read a draft copy, which, with one amendment, was accepted, and it was decided to enlist the co-operation of the other districts.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector concluded the business and the tower was again visited for a short time, but owing to the long journey home many were glad to get away early and the bells were lowered in peal just before 8 o'clock.

Owing to the uncertainties of the 'going,' ringing did not reach a high standard, but methods ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Minor, and ten different towers (not all in the district) were represented.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

Members of the Grimsby District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild had a very pleasant meeting at Barrow-on-Humber recently, and there were a number of visitors from other parts of the county. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. S. Officer), who also presided at the meeting, in the absence of the president (Archdeacon Parry), who, he was glad to say, was progressing very favourably. The Vicar also gave the members a warm welcome to Barrow.

**TWO SURPRISE METHODS.**

Members of the Herts County Association have recently rung a number of new Surprise methods. Here are two of them, composed and conducted by Mr. Harold Cashmore—Kendal Surprise on May 21st at Bushey; Hitchin Surprise on May 24th at Hitchin.

KENDAL	HITCHIN
12345678	12345678
21436587	21436587
12346857	12346857
21438675	21438675
24183657	24183657
42816375	42816375
24186357	24186357
42813675	42813675
24831657	24831657
42386175	42386175
43281657	43281657
34826175	34826175
43862715	43286715
34687251	34827651
36478215	43872615
63742851	34786251
36724581	37468521
63275418	73645812
62357481	37654821
26534718	73568412
62543178	37658142
26451387	73561824
24653178	75368142
42561387	57631824
24516378	75613842
42153687	57168324
24513678	75618342
42156387	57163824
41265378	51736842
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**THE COMPOSITIONS.**

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**HOBERT DEAN'S BIRTHDAY.**

When Dean Rivers, of St. David's Cathedral, Hobart, Tasmania, celebrated his 81st birthday, the ringers of Holy Trinity Church rang the Cathedral's new bells in honour of the event. Doubles and Minor were rung, as well as some good rounds, and the bells were listened to by a large number of people, for, as it was Friday evening, there were many visitors in the city from the surrounding district, and a mail steamer from Sydney had brought many more.

After the ringing the Dean received the ringers and entertained them to supper. He was congratulated by Mr. Quarmby (Ringing Master) and thanked for his hospitality.

The Dean, in reply, expressed his gratitude to the ringers and remarked upon how beautiful the bells had sounded.

Seven members of Holy Trinity Society were present, as well as two of St. David's band and the Precentor (the Rev. M. J. May).

The Cathedral bells are very noisy in the ringing chamber, and it is hoped something may be done to reduce the effect. The volume of sound outside the tower has been modulated by blocking up the windows.



## NOTICES.

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HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—The next quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Holme Lacy, on Saturday, August 6th. Bells (8) available from 3 to 8.30. Service 5.15 p.m. Tea 6 p.m.—R. H. Stickley, Dis. Sec., The Green, Fownhope, Hereford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, August 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting in tower 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Secretary, 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Lincoln District will be held at Wragby on August 6th. Bells (6) available from 2 to 9 p.m.—K. M. Mayer, Dis. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Billingshurst on Saturday, Aug. 6th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at the King's Head Hotel, 1s. Half rail fares, maximum 1s. 6d., to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Seend on Saturday, Aug. 6th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. A card for tea would oblige.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., 584, Semington Road, Melksham.

DARTMOUTH, ST. SAVIOUR'S CHURCH, DEVON.—The ring of eight bells recast and rehung by John Taylor and Co. will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Crediton at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 6th.

SUFFOLK GUILD AND ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting will be held at Mildenhall on Saturday, Aug. 6th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., near church. All ringers welcome.—R. Sharpe and F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

GAINSBOROUGH PARISH CHURCH, Lincs.—The ring of eight bells rehung by John Taylor and Co. will be reopened at evening service on Sunday, August 7th.

CHETTON, SALOP.—Thanksgiving service for the restoration of the ring of six bells, restored by John Taylor and Co., will be held on Sunday, Aug. 7th, at 3 p.m.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meetings for August: Sunday, Aug. 7th, St. Clement Danes', Strand, 10 a.m. Practices: St. Clement Danes', 15th and 29th, at 7.30 p.m., and St. Mary, Lambeth, 30th, at 8 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for August, at 7.30 p.m.: St. Lawrence Jewry, 9th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 11th;

\*St. Paul's Cathedral, 16th; St. Magnus, 18th; Southwark Cathedral, 23rd; \*St. Mary-le-Bow, 30th.—\*Business meetings afterwards.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A combined practice will be held at Hatfield, on Wednesday Aug. 10th. Bells (10) available 8 to 9 p.m. Look up Cambridge Royal for this meeting.—Harold V. Frost, Dis. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Westbury-on-Trym on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Tower open 3. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting afterwards. Notify for tea.—W. H. Thomas, Hon. Branch Sec., 45, Clyde Road, Redlands, Bristol 6.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—The meeting arranged for Saturday, Aug. 13th at Braunston, has been unavoidably cancelled. Next meeting will be announced shortly.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Turner's Hill on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation. Everybody welcome, but please notify for tea if possible.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan and Liverpool Branches.—A joint meeting of the above branches will be held at Rainford on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, for which a small charge will be made, at 5 p.m., for which please notify Mr. P. Shaw, 36, Church Road, Rainford, near St. Helens.—S. Forshaw and G. R. Newton, Branch Secs.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Gateshead on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at Anchorage 5 p.m. Please advise Mr. J. McRobie, Bank House, 12, Swinburne Street, Gateshead, by Aug. 11th. All ringers and friends heartily welcome.—J. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Granger Street, West Hartlepool.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—A meeting will be held at Happisburgh on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Please be sure to send names or numbers, as it is important this time. Buses leave Norwich and Yarmouth.—J. Harwood, Branch Sec., 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Monthly meeting at South Marston on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Six bells. Usual arrangements. On bus route.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Drayton on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Postcard for tea, please.—D. G. Taylor, Ilminster.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Burghclere on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Rectory. Business meetings follows.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Wragby, near Wakefield, on Saturday, August 13th. Bells (6) ready 2.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. J. Brewin, Foulby, near Wakefield, not later than Wednesday, August 10th. All are welcome.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Dursley on Saturday, August 13th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.45 p.m. Evensong 6 p.m. Come and take advantage of a "good-going" eight.—W. J. Smith, 130, Station Road, Yeate, Bristol.

**ABBOTS LANGLEY.**—Saturday, Aug. 20th. Bells open from 3.30 (6 bells). Tea at 5.30. Excellent bus service to village. Nearest rail King's Langley (1 mile).—C. H. Horton, Bushey. City 4270. (Herts Association.)

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Aug. 20th, at Leesfield, Oldham. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Please do your best to attend. You are very welcome.—Ivan Kay, Branch Sec., 35, Thackeray Road, Derker, Oldham.

**WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Bishampton on Saturday, Aug. 20th. The tower has recently been repaired and the bells rehung by Taylor & Co. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea by Tuesday previous.—J. E. Newman, Hinton, Evesham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Worsley St. Mark's on Saturday afternoon, Aug. 20th. Tower open for ringing at 5 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District.—Next meeting Repton, Aug. 20th. Full particulars to follow.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—A combined meeting of the Fylde and Preston branches will be held at St. Cuthbert's Church, Lytham (8 bells) on Saturday, Aug. 20th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea in Memorial Hall at 5.30, 1s. each. Ringing visitors to the Fylde coast heartily welcome.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., A. Blogg, Preston Branch Sec.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD (S. & W. District), GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Chertsey District), SURREY ASSOCIATION (N.W. District), OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch).**—A joint meeting will be held at Egham on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Ser-

vice 4.45 p.m., tea in Church Hall 5.15 p.m. Wraybury bells (8) available 3 to 4.15 p.m, Stanwell (6) 3 to 4.15 p.m., St. Mary's, Staines (8) 7 to 9 p.m. Tea will be provided only for those who send a p.c. to Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey, by Wednesday, 24th. — F. G. Woodiss, J. E. Lewis Cockey, A. D. Barker and F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Dis. Secs.

**GREAT YARMOUTH.**—St. Nicholas' Church.—For the benefit of ringers visiting Yarmouth the practice night will be Wednesday, till the end of September; time 7.30 p.m. Sunday ringing 10 a.m., 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Preliminary Notice. — The annual dinner will be held at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Worcester, on Saturday, Sept. 24th, at 6 p.m. Tickets (3s. each) are now available, and may be obtained from branch masters and secretaries, the Dinner Committee, or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham.

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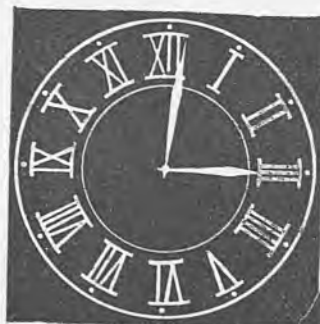
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