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THE VALUE OF 'JOINT' MEETINGS.

Whoever it was first thought of holding joint association meetings did the Exercise a great service, for few things have done more to expand good fellowship among ringers than these largely informal social gatherings when members from neighbouring territories can inter-mix, compare notes and exchange ideas, as well as ring together. Time was when such societies as existed kept themselves very much to themselves, and the rivalry between them, in certain notable cases at any rate, not only prevented men from joining more than one society at a time, but provided penalties against them practising together. In those early days, when that spirit was introduced, these societies were merely small companies of men whose activities were confined to just a very few towers in a small area. A great change has come over the scene. These old societies had no resemblance to modern associations, which cover whole counties or dioceses and whose object is to promote, not only the art of change ringing, but friendly relations and co-operation between all ringers.

It is true that there is still an artificial barrier between the two oldest London societies, which serves no purpose but to maintain an outworn tradition and keep jealousies alive, but even the members of these two organisations more than a hundred years ago realised the irksomeness of the position and sought a way out by forming the St. James's Society. It eased the situation for London ringers and the coming of the territorial organisations to the metropolis fifty years ago gave them further opportunities of fraternising. The St. James's Society, while giving the London companies the opportunity of ringing together, without a breach of their own rules, was not a 'joint' concern, as has been suggested in some quarters; it was a new and independent society, and it did not hold 'joint' meetings on the lines of the modern innovation.

Last Saturday's gathering at Egham and Staines, in which four associations shared, was a typical example of the excellent spirit which these meetings promotes. Strictly it concerned the Guildford and Oxford Diocesan Guilds and the Middlesex and Surrey Associations, but so intermixed are members in these days that it might almost equally well have included three London societies, so far, at any rate, as the 'rank and file' were concerned. This meeting, however, was only like many others held up and down the country to foster good feeling and promote the right spirit among ringers. Is it too much to hope that in the near future the London

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societies will organise a great joint meeting and officially welcome each other in their respective towers? It would not only be a fine gesture, but a great step forward in the interests of London ringing.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 27, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE TOWN HALL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5082 CHANGES;

Tenor 42 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

*C. KENNETH LEWIS Treble	*ANDREW THOMPSON 7
*JOHN MULLINER... .. 2	JOHN WORTH 8
*ALBERT FORD 3	*FRANK YATES 9
†PETER CROOK 4	FREDERICK R. WILLIAMS... 10
WILLIAM PYE 5	RICHARD BENSON 11
WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 6	JAMES TURNER } Tenor
	GEORGE PYE } Tenor

Composed by PETER CROOK.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First attempt for a twelve-bell peal. † First peal of Cinques. First twelve-bell peal as conductor.

TEN BELL PEAL.

HULL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 25, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 5030 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

GEORGE F. WILLIAMS... .. Treble	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	RONALD H. DOVE 7
PERCY J. JOHNSON 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 8
JOHN H. LENTON... .. 4	JOHN W. HOBSON... .. 9
WALTER H. DOBBIE 5	EDWIN E. WOOD Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, August 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE MASKELL Treble	JAMES G. POWELL 5
ARCHIBALD STEVENSON ... 2	WILLIAM WENBAN 6
TOM SAUNDERS 3	WILLIAM GORRINGE 7
HARRY BAKER 4	FREDERICK MITCHELL... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. STEVENSON.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 20, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 37 cwt.

HAROLD PARFREMENT... .. Treble	RALPH NARBOROUGH 5
IDA B. THOMPSON... .. 2	J. ALFRED BARRATT 6
ALLAN R. HICKTON 3	FREDERICK A. SALTER... .. 7
WALTER NICKOLS... .. 4	GEORGE W. GREASEY... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. A. BARRATT.

A farewell to Mr. G. W. Creasey, who is leaving the district.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 20, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes, 7½-6

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

CROWN 5X25

Tenor 19½ cwt.

SHELFORD SPARROW Treble	HARRY D. LISTER 5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN... .. 2	GEORGE WHITING 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
KEITH W. WHITTELL 4	ARTHUR R. GRIMWOOD Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

The conductor's 50th peal of Cambridge Major.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-F Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*SYDNEY J. ANTHONY Treble	STANLEY J. HARRISON... .. 5
HARRY W. HOWARD 2	WALTER ALLMAN... .. 6
ROBERT J. HULSE 3	HAROLD WORRALL 7
STANLEY W. BOOTH 4	HARRY PARKER Tenor

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

* First peal on eight bells. Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. V. Dams, Vicar of Daresbury.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 23, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

GEORGE LEE Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
*ARTHUR B. CLOSE 2	WILLIAM E. FLETCHER 6
JOHN BEST 3	HARRY PYE 7
HARRY LEWIS 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

* First peal of Bob Major and first attempt.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN THOMAS Treble	JOHN AUSTIN... .. 5
WILLIAM TOWNSEND 2	JOHN F. BALLINGER 6
MRS. J. THOMAS 3	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 7
CHARLES MARTIN... .. 4	THOMAS BOREHAM Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar of Leckhampton, Canon H. J. Hensman.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... Treble	ERNEST W. PYE 5
CLAUDE SNOWDEN 2	FRANK CLAYDON 6
BASIL RIDGWELL... .. 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
RONALD SUCKLING 4	HILDA G. SNOWDEN Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HILDA G. SNOWDEN.

First peal in the method as conductor.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 27, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

EDWIN BARNETT Treble	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM 2	HARRY HOVERD 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT 3	HARRY PARKES 7
DEREK M. SHARP... .. 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by J. B. FENTON. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

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STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 27, 1938, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM E. WATHEN... Treble	HARRY D. LISTER 5
FREDERICK J. SMITH 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING 6
SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER 3	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 7
SHELFORD SPARROW 4	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 27, 1938, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

*RONALD E. NORRIS ... Treble	FRANK BELSEY 5
ROBERT H. ROBINSON 2	THOMAS BEAUMONT 6
GEORGE KENWARD 3	*WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT 7
†DANIEL T. HILLS 4	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.'

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

LESLIE TREMEER... .. Treble	REGINALD A. REED 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	TOWER R. TAYLOR 6
LEONARD KNOTT 3	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY... .. 7
FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS

CLEVEDON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 27, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

REGINALD G. WILLIAMS ... Treble	HERBERT W. KNIGHTS ... 5
ALFRED J. PEACOCK 2	ERNEST STITCH 6
*AMOS A. LANE 3	LEONARD DERRICK 7
NORMAN H. COOMBS 4	ERNEST F. SHEARN Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

* First peal.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, August 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE T. MITCHISON ... Treble	GEOFFREY F. D. PRATT ... 5
MORRIS J. MORRIS 2	FRED PRICE 6
RICHARD C. INGRAM 3	WILLIAM DAVIES... .. 7
*ALLEN SHORT 4	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD C. INGRAM.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. Specially arranged for the 50th anniversary of Mr. G. T. Mitchison's first peal. It was also a 70th birthday compliment to Mr. M. J. Morris.

WITLEY, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 27, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ERNEST J. AYLIFFE ... Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH 5
CHARLES E. BASSETT 2	JACK M. CRIPPS 6
KENNETH SNELLING 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE... .. 7
WILLIAM T. BEESON 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

First peal of Bristol on the bells.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, August 28, 1938, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF SPICED LONDON, BRISTOL, SUPERLATIVE & CAMBRIDGE
SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.
 WALTER CHARMAN Treble | CECIL NICE 5
 JACK M. CRIPPS 2 | FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 6
 C. ERNEST SMITH 3 | FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
 KENNETH SNELLING 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor
 Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.
 This peal contains 2,880 London, 800 Bristol, 736 Superlative and 704 Cambridge, with 119 changes of method, the two latter methods being rung in alternate courses.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

PENISTONE, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
 (BARNSLBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, August 20, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Bacup, Warkworth, Norwich, Rossendale, Stamford, Annable's London and Cambridge. Tenor 14½ cwt.
 ROLAND HILL Treble | ERNEST BROOKES 4
 HAROLD CHANT 2 | ARTHUR GILL 5
 CLIFFORD ROBINSON 3 | DANIEL SMITH Tenor
 Conducted by H. CHANT.

Rung in honour of the 25th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. Brookes' wedding day, and of the 80th birthday of Mr. H. Stenton, of Anston.

LOWER PEOVER, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, August 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Four extents of Plain Bob and three extents of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.
 ALBERT H. BOOTH Treble | ALBERT CRAWLEY 4
 JOHN H. DAVENPORT 2 | JOSEPH ASHMOLE 5
 * WALTER ALLMAN 3 | HARRY W. HOWARD Tenor
 Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

* First peal in two methods. First peal on the bells.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, August 21, 1938, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Viz.: Two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in A.

ALFRED HONEYWOOD Treble | DAISY M. ANDREWS 4
 WILLIAM STIFF 2 | GEORGE W. MOSS 5
 * EDITH M. CATON 3 | ALAN R. ANDREWS Tenor
 Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

* First peal 'inside.'

CAPENHURST, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, August 25, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising one extent each of Carlisle, Beverley, York, Durham, London, Wells and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in G.
 LESTER L. GRAY Treble | DOUGLAS WATSON, JUN. ... 4
 FRANK VARTY 2 | RALPH G. EDWARDS 5
 GEORGE R. NEWTON 3 | JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor
 Conducted by FRANK VARTY.

* First peal of Surprise Minor.

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THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
 (SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, August 25, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 10½ cwt.
 ARTHUR E. TAYLOR Treble | DENNIS G. JEFFREYS 4
 DEREK FLANDERS 2 | JOHN N. TIDY 5
 RAYMOND G. TIDY 3 | LEONARD A. TIDY Tenor
 Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

First peal for the first five ringers (whose average age is 17 years) and rung at their first attempt. Quarterly peal for the association.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, August 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Munden, Chester, Carlisle, Canterbury, Newcastle, Cambridge and London. Tenor 7½ cwt.
 JAMES T. TITT Treble | GEORGE W. PARK 4
 WILLIAM OLIVER 2 | W. NORMAN PARK 5
 RICHARD BUSBY 3 | ROLAND PARK Tenor
 Conducted by W. NORMAN PARK.

DEANE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, August 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.
 * FREDERICK A. MUNDAY ... Treble | * ERNEST P. AUSTIN 4
 † RONALD F. KINGHAM ... 2 | * DONALD W. NASH
 * CHARLES W. MUNDAY ... 3 | JOHN CHESTERMAN Tenor
 Conducted by DONALD W. NASH.

* First peal in more than one method. † First peal away from treble and in more than one method. First peal as conductor.

LYMINSTER, SUSSEX.
On Saturday, August 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.
 HARRY HUNT Treble | GEOFFREY LEE 4
 WILLIS AYLMORE 2 | JOHN NETLEY 5
 * FRANK B. LUFKIN 3 | * HAROLD PARSONS Tenor
 Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles.

GARWAY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, August 28, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 120's of Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Reverse Canterbury, and five 240's each of Lindoff's, Pitman's and Morris' arrangement of Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt.
 WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... Treble | * AUSTIN T. WINGATE 3
 JAMES P. HYETT 2 | ERNEST F. SALMONS 4
 JOHN J. WEBB Tenor
 Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal of Doubles 'inside' with more than one method.

BURES ST. MARY, SUFFOLK.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, August 28, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.
 * CHARLES BOWERS Treble | ALBERT L. DIXEY 4
 † JAMES H. EDWARDS 2 | RALPH BIRD 5
 REGINALD G. SIMMONDS ... 3 | VICTOR MORLEY Tenor
 Conducted by R. BIRD.

* First peal. † First peal in more than one method 'inside.'

A LINCOLNSHIRE 'REST WEEK.'

EPWORTH, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb.

*PHILIP BARNES Treble	JACK BRAY 5
FRANK LORD 2	GEORGE DOBBS 6
*FRED JEFFERY 3	ERNEST BRITAIN 7
GEORGE E. FEIRN 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Major on the bells.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 21, 1938, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED ST. CLEMENT'S AND GRAYFORD COLLEGE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	JACK BRAY 5-6
*WALTER AYRE 3-4	GEORGE E. FEIRN 7-8

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

* First peal in the methods.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 21, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANCES;

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	JACK BRAY 5-6
GEORGE E. FEIRN 3-4	WALTER AYRE 7-8
ERNEST BRITAIN 9-10	

Composed by W. BOOTH.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 22, 1938, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JACK BRAY Treble	†PHILIP BARNES 5
*ERNEST BRITAIN 2	†GEORGE HOBBS 6
MRS. J. BRAY 3	†HAROLD JUDD 7
*FRED JEFFERY 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

SCUNTHORPE, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

ILKESTON ARRANGEMENT.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

FRANK LORD Treble	HAROLD JUDD 5
*FRED JEFFERY 2	JACK BRAY 6
FRED LACEY 3	ERNEST BRITAIN 7
*PHILIP BARNES 3	†WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed by E. C. GORRY.

Conducted by FRANK LORD.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of combined Treble Bob. First peal in two Major methods as conductor.

WALESBY, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 24, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

MRS. JACK BRAY Treble	GEORGE FEIRN 5
MRS. RUPERT RICHARDSON 2	FRANK LORD 6
JACK BRAY 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON 7
*HAROLD JUDD 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Surprise Major. First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

PEAL NOTES.

GRANDSIRE CINQUES AT MANCHESTER TOWN HALL.

Five ringers scored their first twelve-bell peal when a peal of Grand-sire Cinques was rung at Manchester Town Hall on Saturday, and Mr. John Worth called his first twelve-bell peal. The composition, a 5,082, was by ex-P.S. Peter Crook, and was rung for the first time.

23456

35426	2	5	6
54326	9	0	
43526	9	0	
53624	0	x	
63425	0	x	
34625	9	0	
46325	9	0	
354682	0	x	

Repeat last seven courses three times, calling Bob at 1 in first course of each part, and omitting last course of all for 23456. Rounds by bobs at 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11.

It will be noted with interest, particularly in Birmingham, that there were two men on the tenor for this peal. When St. Martin's Guild visited Manchester a few weeks ago the tenor ringer had to give up when the end of the peal was well in sight.

Painswick Surprise, a method like Superlative, but with the long dodging on the front cut out, deserves, we think, wider practice than it at present receives. Only a very few peals of it have been rung, since Mr. Alan Pink introduced it about five years ago. Last Saturday, at Gravesend, he called another peal of it, the first for the Kent County Association, and the first for all the rest of the ringers. It was a birthday compliment to Mr. E. Hadlow, the local steeplekeeper, who is 79.

Another birthday peal, for three out of the six ringers, was that at Deane, Hampshire, on Saturday, when three methods were rung. The ringers thus honoured were F. A. Munday, R. F. Kingham and D. W. Nash, who rang his first peal as conductor. Deane is a church at which the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies was Rector for many years.

LADY CONDUCTORS.

Miss Hilda Snowden called her first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on Saturday, at Halstead, without any previous attempt to call a bob in the method. She rang the 14½ cwt. tenor to the peal in three minutes under three hours. The peal was a birthday compliment to Mr. Lewis W. Wiffen.

Another lady conducted a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on Saturday—probably the first 'double' of its kind in ringing history. Miss Sylvia Bowyer, of Ipswich, called Middleton's peal from the third, at Stowmarket, the first time that a lady has conducted a peal in this parish.

Mr. Norman Park, of Darlington, rang his fiftieth peal on Friday, when he called seven Surprise Minor methods at his 'home' tower, Holy Trinity.

With several visitors in the band, a peal of Stedman Caters was rung on August 25th at Holy Trinity, Hull, the first of Stedman Caters for some years on this fine toned ring. Holy Trinity was the church where that famous Yorkshireman of a generation ago, Charles Jackson, used to ring.

Mr. W. A. J. Knight, of Gillingham, Kent, rang and conducted his first peal of Major on Saturday at Chatham, when he called Annable's 5,040 of Plain Bob. Mr. E. H. Robinson was elected a member of the Kent Association before the peal.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major rung at North Stoneham on August 27th was Leonard Knott's first peal in the method. It was rung after meeting one short for Cambridge Royal, and H. P. Reed kindly stood out.

LONG PEALS RECALLED.

A peal of Stedman Triples at Leckhampton, Glos, on Friday, welcomed the new Vicar, Canon H. J. Hensman. Mr. J. F. Ballinger, who is one of the Leckhampton ringers, completed his 'circle of the tower' by ringing the 6th to this peal, and brought his total up to 150.

Mr. Ballinger has taken part in some memorable performances at Painswick. He rang the eleventh to the 13,001 in 1920, and, in the efforts which were made in 1930 to regain the record on twelve bells for Painswick tower, he again rang the eleventh to the practice lengths of 9,361 on February 15th, the 12,231 on April 21st, and the ill-fated 'record' of 17,687, in 11 hours 36 minutes, on November 8th, which afterwards proved to be false.

A birthday peal for the wife of the conductor, Mrs. H. W. Howard, of Davenham, was rung in two Minor methods at Lower Peover, Cheshire, on August 20th.

Two days later, Mr. Howard and Mr. S. J. Harrison rang their 50th peal together when they took part in a peal of Bob Major at Daresbury as a farewell to the departing Vicar, the Rev. V. Dams.

Five ringers, whose average age is only 17 years, rang their first peal together at the first attempt at Limsfield Chart, Surrey, on August 25th, under the conductorship of Mr. L. A. Tidy. Seven different extents of Bob Minor were rung, and it was the quarterly peal for the Southern District of the Surrey Association.

A peal in three Minor methods was rung at Mistley, Essex, on August 21st, as a birthday compliment to Mr. Alfred Honeywood and to Miss Edith M. Caton, who rang her first peal 'inside.'

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EXETER EXCURSION.

The ringers of St. Thomas', Exeter, had a delightful 'half-day' excursion to Minehead and Dunster. Calling at Timberscombe, they were welcomed by the Vicar and some of the local ringers, as well as their own advance guard. The light peal of bells was raised and Grandsire and Stedman Triples rung, as well as rounds for the recruits. After the bells had been lowered, other recruits, belles of another type, came on the scene, and wanted to exercise their strength. Eventually they were rewarded by making the treble speak, after some exciting moments, punctuated with many 'oh's' and 'oo's'.

The visitors were welcomed at Minehead by Mr. Pugsley and other local ringers in the well-kept belfry, which is fully decorated with peal boards. Rounds on the ten, with the recruits standing in, were followed by a course of Grandsire Caters, with the assistance of Mr. Pugsley. It was the first of Caters for at least two of the party. Some Stedman Triples followed and the ten bells lowered in peal almost faultlessly. After tea an hour of amusement, slightly hectic for some of them, was enjoyed, before going to Dunster, noted for its quaint old market place and castle. Touches were rung on the church bells. When the bells were lowered the tenorman unfortunately slipped from the box, happily, it is hoped, without serious effects. The run home was interrupted for refreshments and darts at the Stag's Head. Only some of the darts found the board; others ended their flight in a beam in the ceiling. The secretary, who had made the arrangements for the outing, was cordially thanked for a most enjoyable excursion, and then the road to the 'ever faithful city' was resumed, and the journey's end safely reached at 12.15 a.m. Thanks are accorded to the various incumbents, steeplekeepers and local ringers who contributed to the success of the outing.

STRENUOUS 'REST WEEK.'

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Mr. Walter Ayre usually has a 'rest' week during his summer holidays, and this year, during the first five days, rang half a dozen peals in Lincolnshire, two of them being on handbells in one day.

The tower-bell peals included the first of Major at Epworth, the first of Little Bob Major at Burton-on-Stather and the first peal of Cambridge at Walesby.

Harold Judd, who took part in the peal at Walesby, had only rung one course of Cambridge previously.

The peal of Grandsire Doubles at Lyminster, Sussex, on Saturday, was arranged for Mr. F. B. Lufkin, of Prittlewell, Essex. Four of the ringers, 1, 2, 4 and 5, belong to the local band, the tenor ringer to Angmering.

Mention of the latter place is a reminder that years ago the Sussex Association had one of its strongest Minor bands at that tower, but as is the case with the great majority of towers it has had its ups and downs, and its glories in the peal ringing sense seem to have departed, at any rate for the present. Angmering was a place that mattered in Sussex ringing in the days when Charlie Hills was in his prime.

A peal, specially arranged to celebrate the jubilee of Mr. George T. Mitchinson's first peal, was rung at Perry Barr on Saturday, when Mr. Mitchinson rang the same bell in the same tower to the same method (the treble to Grandsire Triples) that he did 50 years ago. He is the only active surviving member of the band of 1888.

Saturday's peal was also a 70th birthday compliment to Mr. Morris J. Morris, of Birmingham. How time flies!

Mr. Fred Rogers, of Portsea, Hants, rang his 450th peal when he called a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods at Crawley, Sussex, on Sunday.

The first peal of Bristol on the bells of Witley, Surrey, was rung on Saturday. Witley is one of those towers not altogether nice to ring in. A clock case in the centre of the ringing room, reaching from floor to ceiling, obstructs the view, although the difficulty has been partially surmounted by glass panels in the casing.

A peal of Doubles in four methods was rung on Sunday at Garway, Herefordshire, where the five bells are situated in a tower detached from the church. It was the fiftieth tower in which Mr. J. P. Hyett has called a peal for the Hereford Diocesan Guild. It was also the first time that a peal in more than one method had been rung on the bells.

The peal of Bob Major rung at Pulford, Cheshire, on August 23rd, was a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. G. Moody, sister of the conductor, Mr. Percy Swindley.

A peal of Grandsire Triples at Marden, Kent, was the 40th peal rung by Mr. A. Stevenson, of Benenden, and was a birthday compliment to his three-year-old grandson.

A farewell peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, for Mr. George W. Creasey, who is leaving the district. The tenor at St. Mary's is 37 cwt., but Mr. Creasey rang it to the peal in 3 hours 10 minutes.

Mr. T. W. Last, of Helmingham, rang his fiftieth peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on Saturday week, when he called Middleton's composition.

Another peal in celebration of Mr. H. Stenton's 80th birthday was rung at Penistone, Yorkshire, on Saturday, when seven Surprise Minor methods were brought round. The peal was also in honour of the silver wedding day of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brooks, Mr. Brooks taking part in the peal.

THE SCOTTISH TOUR.

A GLORIOUS WEEK 'OVER THE BORDER.'

A most enjoyable week, amid glorious scenery, in glorious weather, and combined with friendly welcomes from new friends and old, is but a poor description, in the writer's estimation, of the recent tour in Scotland.

Early on Saturday morning the writer, with Mrs. Price, left Feltham by car for Farnham Royal to pick up 'Bill' Henley, and on to Amersham to pick up Cecil Mayne. Thence the route was along Watling Street from Dunstable, through Bletchley, Stony Stratford, Towcester, past Rugby to Lichfield, Stone and Nantwich. A short stop for a meal, and on to Warrington, Wigan, Preston, Lancaster and Kendal. Here they decided to see a bit of the Lake district, so the car turned off for Windermere, with a slow run and stops for sight-seeing through Ambleside, past Rydal, Grasmere and Thirlmere to Keswick, where it was decided to stay the night. On Sunday morning the visitors had the pleasure of meeting the Keswick ringers and of ringing on the nice handy eight at this tower.

Before leaving again for Scotland, a trip round Derwentwater was made. Clouds covered some of the peaks, in spite of the sun, but Skiddaw did lift her white cap as the car was leaving the district. Stopping at the aerodrome at Carlisle, Bill and Cecil were, with difficulty, persuaded to take their first flight in an aeroplane, an experience with which, however, they were delighted. Glasgow was reached at 5 p.m., just in time for tea and a ring on the fine ten at St. Mary's. Here Gordon and Marie Cross and J. H. Shepherd joined the party, and also Mr. and Mrs. W. Cousins, who had journeyed from Norfolk on a solo motor-cycle, and had also spent the night in Keswick, unknown to the others. A most cordial welcome was given the visitors by Mr. Pickett and the St. Mary's ringers.

Later in the evening the remaining car, containing Harry Simmons, Charlie, Jessie and Gwen Kippin, arrived, and the band was complete. Next day a good peal of Cambridge was rung at Paisley, while those not taking part paid a visit to the exhibition. Mr. Brown very kindly met the party and had the bells ready, a nice peal, restored by J. Taylor and Co.

THE FIRST PEAL AT INVERARAY.

After lunch the journey was continued by way of Renfrew Ferry to Loch Lomond, and over 'Rest and be Thankful,' to Loch Fyne and Inveraray, which was reached about six o'clock. The majestic grandeur of this run has to be seen to be realised. At Inveraray the party were met at the tower by Mr. A. Campbell, the bells pulled up and a few touches rung. The noise was certainly terrific at first, but on a suggestion from the conductor and with Mr. Campbell's help, sacks, rugs, coats, etc., were thrown over the openings in the floor, and this helped to keep things a shade quieter in the ringing room. Early the next morning Mr. Campbell kindly made boxes for the ninth and tenor, and after a few more adjustments a start was made for Treble Ten.

The speed of ringing was not quick, owing to the noise and hum, but a good peal was rung, the first on the bells, which are a fine ten by the Loughborough Foundry, cast in 1920. They hang in the tall, massive stone tower, illustrated in 'The Ringing World' last week, which stands a few hundred yards from the waters of Loch Fyne.

The Duke of Argyll was unfortunately away from Inveraray, but the most wonderful welcome had been prepared for the party, accommodation having been fixed up, and every help and assistance given.

It was hard to tear oneself away from this spot, but eventually the party left by various routes for Dundee, about 110 miles distant, through picturesque scenery, embracing mountains and lochs, islands with ruined castles, ancient clan watch towers and graveyards, all set against a pale blue sky. Also one gets the impression at 6 p.m. that it is only about two o'clock, and there is a much longer twilight.

The writer's party arrived in Dundee about 10 p.m. and had the pleasure of meeting Mr. McDougall and Mr. Cameron, of the St. Paul's Cathedral band.

At 9.30 on the following morning the tourists met at St. Paul's and a start was made for London Surprise, but this had to be abandoned owing to the seventh not going well. The bells are a nice peal by the Whitechapel Foundry, tenor 23½ cwt. in E.

After lunch and a stroll, St. Mary's Old Steeple was visited. This is a very big tower, and contains a Whitechapel eight with a one ton tenor. The interesting thing is that there are three churches all joined together here, and all have services at more or less the same time, though the bells belong only to St. Mary's. A start was again made for London, but the peal was lost mainly owing to the holiday feeling. The band were met by Mr. McGovern, who kindly had everything ready.

After tea, the tourists travelled via Perth to Kinross, where several of them indulged in a paddle in the waters of Loch Leven. Unfortunately, a farmer disapproved of the 'leap-frog' game which followed, and the party left for Alloa, where the night was spent.

On the Thursday morning at St. John's Church they were greeted by the Rev. W. S. Wilson and the steeplekeeper. London was set going on this lively Taylor eight, and a good peal brought round, but not the first in Scotland, as it was believed by the band to be when they rang it.

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FROM SCOTLAND TO LYE.*(Continued from previous page.)*

Travelling over the new Kincardine Bridge, the tourists reached Edinburgh at tea-time, and, after finding 'digs,' sought out the churches for the next day, and climbed to the castle, but too late to gain admission, for by this time it was closed for the night.

On Friday morning, Mr. Heathcote welcomed the band to St. Cuthbert's belfry, where is another nice eight by Taylor and Co. A peal of Double Norwich was eventually rung, marred somewhat by intruders, who were very insistent and who eventually, it is said, brought the police to try and stop the ringing. Afterwards St. Mary's Cathedral was visited and short touches rung. These must be a grand ten outside, deep, soft and mellow, with a 42½ cwt. tenor—nearly a B bell. Inside 'clapper knock' is very strong. The ringing chamber is among the finest in the world. Mr. Heathcote and one of the St. Mary's ringers joined in the ringing, the latter kindly showing the party items of interest.

Mr. Shepherd had already left the party to take part in another tour, and now it was time to say farewell to the Crosses and the Cousins, and make tracks for England.

The next day saw the two London cars reach Lye, in Worcestershire. At 5.30 p.m. the ringers were met at the church by Messrs. J. Bass and R. Matthews and the local ringers. To ring on this eight, the tenor of which is only 3½ cwt., is to experience something quite out of the ordinary and unexpected. All the bells must be rung with clappers on the wrong side of the bells, or there is little or no sound at all, and that, if any, in quite the wrong place, while a slight over-pull throws the clapper the right side, which in this case is the wrong side. A peal of Cambridge was attempted, and resulted in some excellent tapping, when a momentary slip on the writer's part threw his clapper over and ended the attempt, though he has since been informed that this could have been remedied in one pull by a deft bump. A touch of Stedman ended the proceedings, but it was definitely decided to 'have another go.' Here the party broke up, some leaving for home and some for the remainder of their holidays elsewhere.

The writer, who was privileged to organise the tour, wishes to take this opportunity of thanking all those who assisted him in making arrangements, and for giving such wonderful welcomes everywhere. In all, it was a never-to-be-forgotten trip, which covered twelve hundred miles.

A. R. P.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On Saturday, August 20th, for the wedding of Miss Makey-Jones after the wedding and a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Dommatt, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. H. Godfrey, sen. 1, J. H. Godfrey, jun. 2, V. Pine 3, L. Hine 4, C. Turner (conductor) 5, C. R. Lilley 6, W. Dommatt 7, E. Marks 8.

BEQUEST FOR BELL RESTORATION.**AN OLD GUILDFORD PEAL MAY RING AGAIN.**

Subject to the life interest of his sister, Mr. Frederick Albert Edmead, a house decorator, of Bury Street, Guildford, who died on November 16th and left property of the value of £7,425, with net personalty £3,152, has bequeathed £500 to the Rector and churchwardens of St. Mary's Church, Guildford, for enabling the bells to be rung.

There are six bells in St. Mary's tower, which stands over the church. They have not been rung for many years and are the most dilapidated of any in the diocese. Mr. Edmead, who was formerly a sidesman at St. Mary's, many times expressed the hope that the bells might be put into commission again.

Canon Grant, who, more than 25 years ago, was Rector of St. Mary's (which goes with Holy Trinity, now the Cathedral), would not allow the bells to be rung, as it was thought the ancient tower would not stand the vibration—and probably it wouldn't in the condition the bells are in. They have not been rung since.

Efficient rehanging would probably overcome the difficulties, and it is to be hoped that, when the bequest becomes available, a thorough restoration may be carried out.

The bells, cast at Whitechapel, were put up in 1754 and the tenor is about 14 cwt., but the ringing room is very inaccessible. To reach it one has to climb over the church ceiling. The tower is one of the most ancient buildings in Surrey, and was erected before the Norman Conquest.

A WEDNESDAY MEETING.

The second 'Wednesday' meeting this year of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Aldershot on August 24th. There was a moderate attendance. Mr. R. Hasted, the District Master, supervised the ringing during the afternoon, and tea was served in the Parish Hall, local lady ringers being responsible for the catering. Mr. R. Jonas extended thanks to these ladies, and also to the Rev. Brian Matthews, who had come to conduct the Guild service. A touch of Stedman Triples prior to the service at 6 o'clock was very well struck. Mr. Matthews gave a short but exceedingly interesting address on life and religion as an adventure. Mr. G. Goodwin was at the organ and choirboys led the singing.

Ringings continued in the evening and the bells were lowered in peal at 8.30 p.m. Representatives attended from Aldershot, Ash, Seale, Farnham, Bagshot, Sandhurst, Twyford, Yorktown, Blackmoor, Guildford (S. Nicolas'), Worplesdon, Godalming and Hugglescote, Leicestershire.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Fresh from conquests over the Border, at least four of the ringers who recently toured Scotland were present at the joint meeting of four associations held at Egham on Saturday. Mr. Charles Kippin was there, wearing his Buchanan tartan, although he had left his kilt at home, while Mr. Bill Henley had not yet lost the Scottish accent which he had acquired.

A well-known South London ringer, fishing one day last week in the Thames at Twickenham, found himself unexpectedly in the river. Standing on his seat more effectively to cast his line, his improvised platform tipped over, and, as he dryly (or should it be wetly?) remarked to some amused ladies in a punt, 'I think I am in the River Thames.'

However, no ill befell him, and he was in his usual good spirits on Saturday, when he attended the meeting at Egham.

As Mr. K. Arthur points out in his letter elsewhere, a peal of London Surprise Major was rung in Edinburgh in 1924. Six members of the Gofton family were in the band and the peal was conducted by Joseph A. The others were William L., Richard A., James E., R. Alder, and Thomas T. George Holmes and Stephen Stratford made up the band and the peal was rung for the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

Bertram Prewett, who fell in the Great War, exactly 20 years ago, was a magnificent ringer and conductor. Of the many ringers of which the Exercise was robbed by the war, he was probably the greatest. He had rung 953 peals, his last having been at Wrentham, Suffolk, just before going overseas, in May, 1916.

In view of the recent tour in Scotland, with the first peal on the ten at Inveraray, it is interesting to note that the first ten-bell peal north of the Tweed was Grandsire Caters, rung at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on August 31st, 1886, conducted by Mr. F. E. Dawe.

Last Wednesday was also the anniversary of the longest peal ever rung on handbells, the 19,738 Stedman Caters at Guildford in 9 hours 32 minutes, conducted by Mr. A. H. Pulling, on August 31st, 1912.

A peal ringing tour in Gloucestershire opens at Cirencester tomorrow. A programme of 14 peals has been arranged, and visits to Tewkesbury and Cheltenham are included. Headquarters during the week are to be in Gloucester.

THE FIRST PEAL OF LONDON IN SCOTLAND.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I point out that the peal of London Surprise Major rung at Alloa during the recent Scottish tour was not the first in that method to be rung in Scotland. A peal of London Surprise Major, incidentally the first Surprise peal in Scotland, was rung by the Whitley Bay band at St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh, on Saturday, September 27th, 1924, in 3 hours 16 minutes.

Presumably this performance had been overlooked when the report of the recent peal was sent for publication.

K. ARTHUR.

Newcastle-on-Tyne.

'JAMES GREEN' ON THE ROAD.

A WARNING TO RINGERS.

A man, apparently about 56 years of age and giving the name of James Green and an address at Leominster, Herefordshire, has been calling upon ringers in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight asking for assistance to take him to Horsham, Sussex, where, he says, there is a job waiting for him in a printing works.

He has succeeded in several instances in imposing upon the charity of ringers, but, instead of going to Horsham, he has turned up in other places and repeated the operation. He seems to be fairly well acquainted with the names and addresses of well-known ringers, and in one case he obtained 5s. 6d. to enable him to get, not to Horsham, but to Christchurch.

Ringers are warned against helping this individual, and, should he seek their assistance, would do well to get him to prove his bona fides to the police.

RINGER'S GENEROSITY.

MR. W. J. NEVARD RESTORES GREAT BENTLEY BELLS.

The bells of Great Bentley, near Colchester, have been completely restored by Mr. W. J. Nevard, a veteran Essex ringer, in commemoration of his 60 years' connection with the parish. The bells were reopened by the Bishop of Chelmsford, in the presence of a large congregation, which included over a hundred ringers. The opening ringing was done by Messrs. A. Bowell, W. J. Nevard, E. J. Butler, Elliott, Clark, R. W. Stannard, Spencer Phillips (Master of the association) and E. Davey.

In addition to rehangings, the bells have been retuned and now form a beautiful little octave.

After the ceremony, upwards of 250 parishioners and ringers were provided with tea in the Golf Club House, and thanks were accorded to Mr. Nevard for his great generosity. Later he was presented by the parishioners with a silver inkstand to commemorate the event.

LEADING CONDUCTORS—34.

JOHN THOMAS.

There can be few conductors personally known to more ringers than Mr. John Thomas, whose business association with bells, as a bell-hanger, must have taken him into nearly every part of England. In peal ringing this trade connection is not always an advantage. It is true that it has given him opportunities, but it has often restricted his activities for considerable periods. Nevertheless, there can be few districts into which he has gone which have not benefited, at any rate temporarily, from his stay, for his ability as a ringer and skill as conductor are always ungrudgingly used to assist others wherever he may be. He is as happy helping a struggling village band on a practice night as he is in ringing a peal with much more highly accomplished performers, and, in this way, he has done much quiet but valuable service to the Exercise. Mr. Thomas has many claims to distinction, but perhaps his greatest is that of being one of the very few men who have rung two tower bells to a peal.

'Jack' Thomas is a Bristol man, having been born in that city on Aug. 22nd, 1882. He learned to ring a bell at St. Michael's Church under his brother, Mr. S. Thomas. He rang his first peal on Boxing Day, 1899, at St. Stephen's, Bristol. It was a peal of Stedman Triples, conducted by the late Mr. G. T. Daltry, rung for the wedding of Mr. W. A. Cave. His first peal as conductor was a peal of Bob Minor at St. Luke's, Bristol, on February 7th, 1902. He has now rung 444 peals, including 103 on handbells, and has conducted 226, of which 73 have been on handbells. They have been rung in 155 towers for 24 associations in 28 counties.

In 1901 Mr. Thomas was ringing Surprise peals with the Bristol men, his first in this category being Superlative at All Saints', Bristol, where, two years later, he rang his first peal of London—the first in the method by all the band. His first Surprise peal as conductor was Cambridge at St. Andrew's, Clifton, in January, 1909, but he also took part in the first peals of Superlative, Cambridge and London in both Dorset and Somerset, although the Superlative in Somerset was, two years later, found to have been false. He called the first Surprise peal rung in Dorset.

By a coincidence Mr. Thomas took part in the first peal rung muffled for the death of Queen Victoria, which was the first peal rung in the reign of King Edward VII., and he conducted the last peal rung in the reign of that Sovereign, Holt's Original at Long Ashton, Somerset, on May 6th, 1910. And referring to Holt's Original it is interesting to recall that in 1903 Mr. Thomas conducted this composition from every bell in ten attempts.

While still residing in the West of England, Mr. Thomas took part in the peal of Stedman Caters at Exeter Cathedral in 1903, when the late Mr. William Pye rang the 72½ cwt. tenor single-handed; he conducted his first peal of Stedman Triples at Dursley, Glos, in 1904, and his first of Stedman Caters at Wells Cathedral in 1905.

In 1911 Mr. Thomas moved from Bristol to London and joined the band at Edmonton. His peal ringing since that time has been done in many parts of the country, and among the first of the notable achievements with which he was associated was the long peal of 12,160 Bristol Surprise Major at Knebworth, Herts, on April 8th, 1912, at that time the record for the method.

He conducted the first peal rung by married couples, which was on handbells at Edmonton on December 7th, 1919, and, on November 6th in the following year, the first married couples' peal on tower bells. This was rung at Edmonton. It was in 1928 at Corston, Somerset, that Mr. Thomas manipulated two tower bells in a peal. He rang the 2nd and 3rd to Double Norwich. Only four other ringers, we believe, have succeeded in doing this, but to watch Mr. Thomas handling two at a time makes the thing look perfectly simple—until one tries.



MR. JOHN THOMAS.

FOUR ASSOCIATIONS MEET.

SUCCESSFUL THAMES-SIDE GATHERING.

A very successful 'joint' meeting of four associations was held on Thames-side on Saturday. It has been an annual event for some few years and grows in popularity. On this occasion the Guildford Diocesan Guild was host, and the guests were the Middlesex Association, the Oxford Diocesan Guild and the Surrey Association. Each of the organisations was well represented, and, in all, some seventy or eighty ringers were present, drawn from a wide radius. After ringing at Wraysbury (Bucks), Stanwell (Middlesex) and Egham, which comes within the diocese of Guildford and the county of Surrey, the ringers converged on the latter place for service, which, in the absence of the Vicar, was conducted by the Rev. E. H. G. Sargeant, Vicar of the neighbouring parish of Virginia Water, the lesson being read by the Rev. R. H. Gilding, of St. Peter's, Staines. Having been warned at the last minute to 'keep off' bells, the Rev. E. H. G. Sargeant gave an inspiring extempore address upon the Christian 'costume,' in which he emphasised the need in every walk of life for the 'garments' of sympathy, humility, love and patience.

Tea was served in the Church Hall, and afterwards Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, vice-president of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, extended a cordial welcome to the other associations. Such gatherings, he said, made for good feeling between them, and he particularly welcomed the Surrey Association to the Guildford territory, although they were in their own county area. Although these two organisations overlapped in parts of the county, the best of good feeling prevailed between them, and he hoped that spirit might long continue.

FUTURE 'ANNUAL FESTIVAL.'

Mr. C. K. D. Birt, Master of the Surrey Association, first acknowledged the welcome, and expressed his great pleasure at such a successful gathering.

Mr. J. Armiger Trollope, vice-president of the Middlesex Association, who next replied, referred to the changed attitude which existed in these days between the associations, compared with the feeling which prevailed in the old days, when men rang exclusively only with their own company, and were expelled if they rang with any other. Even to-day there were two societies who were mutually exclusive. Gatherings such as that joint meeting were all for the good of the Exercise, and indicated not only the friendship existing between them, but that ringers in those areas, and, indeed, throughout the country, were members of one body working with one object.

Mr. A. D. Barker (hon. treasurer of the Oxford Diocesan Guild) expressed the pleasure of his own Guild at taking part in gatherings such as that, and voiced the hope that they might be held for many years to come. He suggested that in future it should be known, not as a meeting, but as a festival.

Mr. Goldsmith then specially welcomed the visitors from a distance. These included Mr. H. S. Morley (Selby, Yorks), Mr. H. O. Over (Hugglescote, Leicestershire), Mr. W. A. Stote (Keresley, Warwickshire) and Mr. W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley, Essex, although the last named had not been able to stay for tea. The welcome was acknowledged by Mr. Morley.

Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, hon. secretary of the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, thanked the Vicar of Egham and other incumbents for the use of their bells, the Rev. E. H. G. Sargeant for conducting the service and all others who had helped to make the gathering such a success.

In the evening further ringing took place at Egham and the two towers in Staines, St. Mary's and St. Peter's.

CARD INDEXED.

Mr. J. Herbert, the Ringing Master of the South and West District of the Middlesex Association, who organised the ringing in the three Middlesex towers, came with a ready-prepared card index system for tabulating results. Here is an example after it had been duly completed at the end of the day:—

Tower: Stanwell.

Time of commencement: 3.30. Had to search for keys in the village. Everyone away, apparently.

Attendance: 18-20.

Methods rung: Grandsire, Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob Doubles and Minor, Kent T.B. Minor.

Ceased ringing: 4.20.

General remarks: Striking could have been much improved. Very noisy belfry, only leather lungs could be heard.

Here are other extracts. From St. Mary's, Staines: Commenced 7.5. Mr. W. Butler had all in readiness. Attendance approximately 30. Methods rung: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Cambridge and Spliced Surprise Major. General remarks: Bells going very well; some fair ringing, but not so good in lower methods.

Again, from St. Peter's, Staines, where Mr. W. Ellingham was in charge: Attendance 28. Methods rung: Stoney for learners, Cambridge, Grandsire, Bob Major, Stedman, Double Norwich and Kent. General remarks: Tenor rope broke in Bob Major. The Police Guild are so strong.

No such concise record was kept at the two other towers of Egham and Wraysbury, but the methods were many, and the striking, like the proverbial curate's egg, 'good in parts.'

THE NINE-DAY WEEK. SUCCESSFUL TOUR IN STAFFS AND SALOP.

Thirteen Peals and a 'Bad Patch.'

The ringing tour in Staffordshire and Shropshire, which concluded on Saturday week, produced, as has already been recorded, 13 peals out of 16 attempts. The three failures were, strange to say, consecutive, and formed just one bad patch in the middle of an otherwise completely successful week, which socially was also most enjoyable. Nineteen ringers shared in the peals, about half of them putting in full time—in this case, the 'week' lasted nine days—while the rest were part-time visitors or local 'supernumeraries.' The 'old uns' took their full share in the strenuous programme, and it is notable that Mr. George Williams, in his 82nd year, was in eight of the successful attempts, including two peals on one day. The headquarters during the visit were the Molineux Hotel, Wolverhampton, and here the party were comfortably housed and excellently fed. The landlord, Mr. H. Armitage, and his family looked after the interests of his guests in every possible way and earned their full gratitude.

The first peal, one of Cambridge Surprise, was rung at Tettenhall on Friday evening, August 12th. Mr. Chris. Gudgeon, of Manchester, came along and took part, while Mr. R. Pickering was there to meet the party and see that everything was in order for a punctual start. A feature of Tettenhall Churchyard is the beautiful array of tombstones and crosses, which is frequently referred to as 'The White City.' After the peal Mr. Herbert Knight, the genial hon. secretary of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, and others gave the visitors a most cordial welcome to Wolverhampton.

On Saturday morning the first attempt was at Penn, where, on a nice little ring of eight, a good peal of Superlative was scored.

TWELVE COUNTIES IN PEAL OF CINQUES.

On Saturday afternoon, escorted by Messrs. Knight and Pickering, the ringers visited Walsall, where they were met by Mr. T. J. Elton, who showed them through the fine old church, which stands up so conspicuously on the hilltop, and afterwards called for them a peal of Stedman Cinques, in which residents in twelve different counties took part. Three additional members of the party 'joined up' here, Messrs. Leslie Morris, Harry Parkes and J. C. E. Simpson.

On Sunday morning the visitors were cordially welcomed in the tower of St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, by Mr. H. Knight and his fellow-ringers. A course of Bob Maximus, a course of Grandsire Cinques and a course of Double Norwich on the back eight were much enjoyed on this fine peal before going on to Church Stretton, where they sought out Mr. Hughes, the towerkeeper. He had very kindly arranged for their lunch, after which they were privileged to ring what is believed to be the first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major in Shropshire. This done, without any waste of time, they then set off on a 13 miles' run to Shrewsbury. Half of the party took a wrong turn in Shrewsbury and did not arrive in time to have the benefit of the half-hour's ringing prior to service at St. Chad's. In addition to the local band, who cordially welcomed them, the visitors had the privilege of meeting and ringing with the Rev. C. Carew Cox, who was on holiday in this district. All were delighted with the beautiful tone of the bells at this notable church. After a thirty mile run back to Wolverhampton, the tourists were glad of supper and also of bed.

Breakfast was set for 7.45 each morning, and it was seldom more than one—who shall be nameless—was late. The ringers were on the road early on Monday, their first call being at Bridgnorth. This quaintly constructed town possesses a fine church, with a fine tower and bells. The visitors were greeted by Messrs. W. Overton and Elcock, who had everything ready, and they rang quite a good peal of Yorkshire Surprise, which is believed to be the first for the Shropshire Association. After the peal Mr. W. H. Fussell, who, at Church Stretton, celebrated the jubilee of his first peal in Salop, went to see that grand old Shropshire veteran, Mr. John Overton, who is now unable to get to the tower. They first met something like 55 years ago, and it must have been a mutual pleasure for these two old friends to meet together once more. The second peal on Monday was at Conover, one of Cambridge Surprise. It was conducted by Mr. George Williams, who is now 'one up' on seven other members of the Central Council, for Mr. Williams was one of the band who rang 5,472 changes of Double Norwich in 3 hours 32 minutes at this church in 1935, on the occasion of a visit of the Central Council to Shrewsbury, the composition afterwards being discovered false. The visitors were most kindly received at Conover by Mr. Wood, who helped them in every possible way.

A 'GREAT' SHIFNAL RINGER.

Prior to starting for Shifnal on Tuesday morning, the party very reluctantly had to say goodbye to their good friend, Mr. W. H. Fussell, who was leaving in order that he might fulfil an important engagement at home. Apart from any other consideration, the writer of this account was particularly sorry that Mr. Fussell should leave so early in the week. Those who have followed these ringing weeks for years past must have read with tremendous interest the delightfully descriptive reports written by 'W. H. F.' of the excursions. May this account be not entirely uninteresting to him and others.

The Deputy Master of the Oxford Guild, the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg, joined up at Conover as a part-timer, and there scored his one and only peal out of four attempts, for there came immediately afterwards the unlucky patch which produced three consecutive failures. Indeed, Mr. Wigg must have felt himself particularly unlucky. Not only did

he lose three peals, but, having brought his own camping equipment, was eventually driven into the hotel by the unkindness of the weather.

The peal of London, which was attempted at Shifnal, lasted little over an hour. The ringers were met at the church by the Vicar, and both he and his wife were much interested in the tour. Quite close to the belfry door at Shifnal is the grave of Samuel Lawrence, a famous ringer in the latter years of the 18th century and the early years of the nineteenth.

He was a 'great' ringer in more than one respect. Not only did he take part in some celebrated performances in many parts of England—an unusual thing in those days—but he weighed no less than 32½ stones. It is said of him that on one occasion he got stuck in the stairway at St. Alkmund's, Shrewsbury, and that it took five of the



The Fine Tower of St. Matthew's Church, Walsall.

band to get him out. His peal book recording his 72 peals rung between 1783 and 1823 is in the Reference Library at Shrewsbury. His death at the age of 62 in the year 1825 was the result of an accident. He was setting out for Birmingham in a vehicle specially made for him, but into which he could not mount without assistance. A chair which he was using broke under him and he fell, fracturing his thigh. The bone could not be properly set and 'mortification' caused his death. The inscription on the gravestone is now almost indecipherable.

While the peal attempt at Shifnal was in progress others of the party went to Tong and rang on the back five of this interesting peal of six. After lunch at Shifnal the tourists made their way to Coalbrookdale, where Mr. Saunders gave them his usual hearty welcome, but one of the greatest disappointments of the tour was experienced here. After a little more than an hour's ringing Cambridge Royal came to grief, and for the rest of the day the band were 'in sackcloth and ashes.' Mr. Saunders did his best to cheer them up and suggested they should call at Wellington on the way home. This they did and enjoyed a pull with the local band on their practice night.

On Wednesday morning the run of ill-luck continued, and for Mr. Bennett to have three unsuccessful attempts on end in one of his tours had never been known. A peal of Norfolk Surprise at Wombourn was attempted, but after 1 hour 40 minutes down came the tenor rope.

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A GOOD FINISH.

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The visitors were privileged to meet Mr. 'Bill' Short, the conductor of the 11,111 Stedman Cinques at Birmingham in 1901, in which two of the tourists, Messrs. Gabriel Lindoff and G. R. Pye, also took part. At Wednesbury the party were met by Messrs. W. E. Brittain, Smith, Hughes, W. Fisher and J. Barber, the last named being another of the 11,111 Stedman Cinques band. He rang the tenor in that great effort.

A good peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was brought round at Wednesbury, and the ringers were surprised to find it was the first by the Archdeaconry of Stafford Society. A brief visit was paid to West Bromwich, where the visitors were welcomed by the veterans, Mr. John Jagger and Mr. J. Screen, who helped them to ring several touches on these bells.

On Thursday morning the party were on the road in good time, their destination being Broughton. Half of the party arrived before 10 o'clock, but the others came along half an hour later. There was a misunderstanding as to what constituted a straight road. There is only one house anywhere near the church at Broughton, and everyone thought what an ideal spot at which to ring the 22,000 of Bristol. Actually a start was made for this method (not the 22,000), but not getting off the mark quickly, it was decided to change to Superlative. It was lucky that they did. They had not gone very far before an intruder made his appearance. He motioned to the ringers to stop, but the conductor, with great presence of mind, asked him if he had the Vicar's authority to stop the ringing. That started him to think; he turned tail and the ringers saw him no more. A 'cast-iron' band could hardly have survived an intrusion of that kind if Bristol was being rung.

FINAL PEALS OF NINE DAYS' TOUR

After this experience the party made off for Market Drayton and were there joined by Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson and their daughter Enid. The latter here rang in her 35th tower, and, when she begins measuring tenors, Mr. J. H. Shepherd may have a very dangerous rival. After lunch the visitors were met by Mr. W. Weatherby, who greatly prides himself on the tower and bells. From what one hears it will not be long before a peal of London Surprise is rung at Market Drayton by a local band. However, the visitors rang a peal in this method and much appreciated the opportunity of scoring the first of London on the bells.

On Friday morning, Norfolk Surprise was rung at Codsall, a lovely little village five miles from headquarters. It was the first peal of Major on this fine little ring of bells. In the afternoon Stedman Caters was successful at Willenhall, a nice handy peal of ten with a 16 cwt. tenor. A most cordial welcome was received from Messrs. Bert Horton, Chris. Wallater and A. E. Reed. Among those who afterwards met the band was the curate (the Rev. — Perry), who, it transpired, was a friend of Miss Kathleen Jutson, formerly of Peterborough, but now married and living in New Zealand. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson were very much interested when they learned this, and they recalled many pleasant memories of earlier years.

Saturday morning found the party at Brewod, a very nice spot, eight miles from Wolverhampton, where Mr. John Perry very kindly welcomed them prior to a start for Bristol Surprise. These bells are a grand peal of eight, with a 21 cwt. tenor, and a good peal was brought home. The peal programme was concluded in the afternoon at St. Luke's, Blakenhall, with Cambridge Surprise.

Sincere thanks are extended to the many ringers, only a few of whom it has been possible to mention, who met and welcomed the visitors at the various towers and showed so much interest in their activities, also to the clergy, towerkeepers and church authorities of the various churches for placing the bells at their disposal. In particular most sincere thanks are extended to Mr. Herbert Knight for his Staffordshire arrangements, and Mr. William Saunders for his Shropshire arrangements. Everything was so splendidly planned that there was no hitch of any kind throughout the week, while gratitude must be expressed to those who so willingly and skilfully conveyed the rest from place to place and tower to tower. Some of the party concluded their week by calling at Birmingham on the way home and ringing with members of St. Martin's Guild on Sunday morning at St. Martin's Church and the Cathedral.

G. R. N.

'SOUTHALL' SURPRISE.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I am obliged to my old friend, Mr. E. A. Ridgway, for pointing out that the above method was published as 'Victoria' Surprise' in 'Bell News' in June, 1900.

Another old friend, Mr. F. Bennett, of Brighton, has now supplied me with the exact date of publication in the 'Bell News'; it was on June 23rd, 1900.

Since the first peal in the method, after 38 years, has now been rung as 'Southall,' I am quite willing that the name given by the band should be retained.

GEORGE BAKER.

Brighton.

OLD NORFOLK RINGER'S DEATH.

Mr. John Pooley, of Northrepps, Norfolk, who died on August 19th, began to ring in 1880 and rang for over 40 years until sight and health failed him. Six extents of Grandsire Doubles with bells muffled were rung at Northrepps by the local company on Thursday, August 26th, as a token of respect.

DURHAM CATHEDRAL RINGER'S DEATH.

A member of Durham Cathedral band for many years, Mr. R. A. Johnson, sen., has passed away at the age of 57 years and was laid to rest on Saturday, August 13th.

Mr. Johnson, the head of a noted ringing family, had been a ringer for upwards of 40 years and was a well known and deeply respected member of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

The interment took place at St. Oswald's, Durham City, the following Cathedral ringers acting as bearers: Messrs. Oliver, Vasey, Metcalfe, Hopper, Allison and Smurthwaite. St. Oswald's bells were rung fully muffled as the cortege entered the church and after the service as the procession moved to the new burial ground some distance away. There was a very large attendance of sympathising friends, and the service was conducted by Canon Lillingston, Sub-Dean of Durham Cathedral.

The bells were rung by St. Oswald's band, kindly augmented by those who had taken the place of members on holiday. The ringers were Messrs. F. Robinson, Craggs, Jopling, Yorke, Shotton, H. Milner, Gillespie and Russell. Wreaths were given by the association and the Cathedral ringers. Deepest sympathy is offered to the widow and family in their great loss.

PRESENTATION TO MR. A. PRIOR.**RECOGNITION OF FIFTEEN YEARS' SERVICE.**

Mr. Alfred Prior, who retired last year from the office of Master of the South-Western Division of the Essex Association, was presented at a recent meeting with a gold watch, fittingly inscribed, in recognition of his 15 years' service.

Dr. P. T. Spencer Phillips, Master of the association, made the presentation and spoke of the conscientious way Mr. Prior had carried out his duties as Divisional Master.

Mr. E. J. Butler, divisional hon. secretary, said every tower in the division had contributed to the presentation, as well as several unattached members.

The gift was feelingly acknowledged by Mr. Prior.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Eastern Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association was held at Happisburgh on Saturday, August 13th, but the attendance was small owing to the harvest, only 18 members being present. A short service was conducted by the Rev. C. Deane, Vicar of Happisburgh.

At a short business meeting held after tea, kindly arranged by Mr. E. Howes, Master of the local company. Mr. G. Paston, of Yarmouth, was elected a member of the association, and the next meeting was arranged to be held at Great Yarmouth on the second Saturday in October.

The company stood in silent tribute to the late Rev. Canon J. Enraught, Rector of Lowestoft, and one of the association vice-presidents.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for presiding, also for the use of the bells. Members attended from Norwich, Wymondham, Great Yarmouth, Reedham, Wroxham, North Walsham, Norton and Lowestoft and Happisburgh, and ringing took place during the afternoon and evening.

A DOZEN TOWERS.**LEYTONSTONE RINGERS NORFOLK VISIT.**

A dozen towers were included in the itinerary of the St. John the Baptist Society, Leytonstone, when they had their customary annual two days' excursion. They visited Norfolk and made their headquarters at Wymondham, and a carefully planned programme enabled everyone to ring at each of the towers.

On the first day (having arrived overnight) they rang at Watton (6), Dereham (8) and Garveston (6) in the morning; Pulham Market, Pulham St. Mary and Redenhall (all 8's) in the afternoon; and Palgrave (8) and Diss (8) in the evening.

Sunday began with a visit to St. Peter Mancroft for service ringing in the morning. In the afternoon they rang on the eighties at Kenninghall and North Lopham, and returned to complete the day by ringing for service at Wymondham for evening service.

The ringing included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge Surprise Major, London, Cambridge, Ipswich and Beverley Surprise Minor, and Grandsire and Stedman Caters, with a final touch on the twelve at Mancroft. Practically every touch was brought home.

The excursion was a most enjoyable one, and thanks are offered to all who helped to make it such a success.

NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.

As a birthday compliment to Mr. J. E. Keen, the Deputy Ringing Master, and Mr. J. Anderson, hon. secretary of Newcastle Cathedral Guild, a touch of 925 Stedman Caters was rung at the Cathedral on Sunday by G. A. Pickering 1, C. L. Routledge 2, W. Story 3, W. J. Davidson 4, J. Anderson 5, E. Wallace 6, A. Deas 7, W. H. Barber (conductor) 8, J. E. Keen 9, J. Hedley 10.

NOTICES.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the Western Division will be held at St. Peter's, Earlsheaton, on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Tea in Schools at 4.30. Business meeting at 7 o'clock. Subscriptions now due.—Frank Raymond, Dis. Sec., Bramley.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. John the Baptist Church, Pinner, on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30.—G. R. Goodship, Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch. — The two following meetings will be held: Saturday, Sept. 3rd, at Braunston (6) and Saturday, Sept. 17th, at Willoughby (6). Usual arrangements. — W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bolsterstone Church (8 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. For tea, please notify Mr. J. R. Brearley, Woodbine Villas, Frank Hillock Field, Deepcar, near Sheffield. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, 13, St. Ronan's Road, Sheffield 7.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch. — A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Louth on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m., excepting during service and meeting. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., at Hanson's Café, Ugate, at 1s. 6d. per head. All ringers and friends will be welcome.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Nether Wallop on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Service in the Parish Church at 4, followed by tea and business meeting at 4.30 in the Village Hall. Bells from 2.30 at Over Wallop and Abbots Ann. Please let us know if you are coming.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Aspenden on Sept. 3rd. Bells open during the afternoon and evening. Tea in the Parish Room. All ringers welcome. — A. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Hatfield Park, Hatfield, Herts.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Emberton on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify. All ringers will be welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —A monthly meeting will be held at Urchfont on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Other arrangements as usual. For tea please advise.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., 584, Semington Road, Melksham.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llanelly, Carmarthenshire, on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch. —A meeting will be held at Compton on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 6d. each. All ringers welcome. — H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at Hawkshead and Ambleside on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Hawkshead (6 bells) open from 3 p.m. till 4.30 p.m. Ambleside (8 bells) open from 5 p.m. till 7 p.m. Come and have a day by the Lakes.—N. M. Newby, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Service ringing Sept. 4th, St. Clement Danes, Strand, 10 a.m. Practices St. Clement Danes, Sept. 12th and 26th, 7.30 p.m. and St. Mary, Lambeth, Sept. 27th, at 8 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637). — Meetings for September, at 7.30 p.m. St. Mary-le-Bow, Sept. 6th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 8th; *St. Paul's Cathedral, 13th; St. Magnus', 15th; Southwark Cathedral, 20th; *St. Mary-le-Bow, 27th; St. Magnus', 29th. *Business meeting after.—A. B. Peck, Sec., Branksome, 1, Eversfield Rd., Reigate, Surrey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brindle on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (6). Tower open 2.30 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. A peal tablet will be unveiled by the president of the association at this service. Tea provided for all those who notify Mr. A. Hatch, Post Office, Brindle, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 7th. Please send names. *No card no tea.*—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Forest Branch.—Next meeting will be held at St. Briavels on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (8) open 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m., School Room. Ringers who require tea must let me know by Wednesday, Sept. 7th. — Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 11, Victoria Road, Lydney, Glos.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Prescott Parish Church (8 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, for which a charge of 6d. will be made. Business meeting follows in the Parish Room. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. E. Reeves, 111, Cross Lane, Prescott, not later than Thursday, Sept. 8th?—G. R. Newton, Branch Sec., 57, Amptill Road, Liverpool 17.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—In co-operation with the East Grinstead and District Guild, a by-meeting will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Tower open 2.30. Service at 4.30. Will the 70 or 80 who are coming please remind me that they require tea not later than Tuesday, Sept. 6th. — Alec. E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Market Drayton (8 bells), Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. For tea please notify W. Weatherby, Church Street, Market Drayton.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual contest for the Crawford Silver Cup will be held at Edwinstone, near Ollerton, on Saturday, Sept. 10th, at 3 p.m. Please note that entries must be in by Monday, 5th. Ringing for non-competitors after tea; this is open to all ringers.—R. Towler, 69, Ordsall Road, Retford.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Ackworth, near Pontefract, on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (6) ready 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please let me know not later than Wednesday, Sept. 7th. A hearty welcome to all.—D. J. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Flamstead on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify me by Thursday, Sept. 8th. Bedfordshire friends are cordially invited.—W. Ayre, Dis. Sec.

PEAK DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting now fixed for Ashover, Sat. Sept. 10th. A card to Mr. T. Dent, Marsh Green Lane, Ashover, near Chesterfield, will ensure adequate arrangement for tea; please note not later than Sept. 6th.—H. L. Warburton, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Aston Abbots on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (6) available from 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Basford, Nottingham, on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (8) ready 5 p.m. All come and try this handy peal, by Taylor's. Subscriptions are now over due.—E. C. Gobe, Dis. Sec., Trowell, Notts.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kingston Seymour on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by Sept. 7th?—N. G. Williams, Weston House, Bath.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Highworth (8 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Usual arrangements.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A joint meeting of the Kent County Association (Tonbridge District) and the East Grinstead Guild will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, Sept. 10th. For details please see Kent County Association notice in these columns. Guild members are especially asked to see that the East Grinstead Guild is well represented at this meeting. All ringers are welcome, but don't forget to remind Mr. A. E. Richardson about that tea!—B. Saunders, Hon. Sec., 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Banstead on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. Those requiring tea, please send numbers to Mr. F. G. Woodiss, 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, by the 7th.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec., Drakehowe, Howard Road, Great Bookham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hurst (8 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Do not fail to notify Mr. E. Allum, Davis Street, Hurst, Reading, by Tuesday, Sept. 6th. Visitors welcome.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Gawsworth on Sept. 10th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please inform Mr. E. Bayley, The Warren, Gawsworth, if tea is required by Sept. 7th.—Jack Tipper, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Winwick on Sat. Sept. 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Ringing after tea at St. Peter's Church, Newton-le-Willows.—S. Forshaw, 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.—The new bells by John Taylor and Co. to complete the ring of 8 will be dedicated at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 11th, by the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells (the Right Rev. Francis Underhill, D.D.). The bells will be open to visitors from 2 to 3 p.m. and from 3.45 to 4.30 and at 5.30.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—A practice meeting will be held at Steep on Wednesday, Sept. 14th. Bells (5) available from 6 p.m.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

LADIES' GUILD.—A special meeting will be held at Dunstable on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea. All ringers invited. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. E. Sharman, 199, High Street North, Dunstable, by Thursday, Sept. 15th. Will London District members who are coming please communicate with Mrs. Fletcher, who will send time of departure?—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wiveton on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 17th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Bell Inn 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Please do your best to attend. You are all welcome, but don't forget that card to Mr. W. R. West, The Mill, Glandford Holt, Norfolk, or Mr. H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. To members in the Norwich District: A bus can be arranged for this meeting if enough names are forthcoming by Wednesday, Aug. 31st. Fare, approximately, 2s. 6d. Write to the branch secretary.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, South Shore, Blackpool, on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business at 5 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool S.S.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Northern District.—A special meeting will be held at Llanfihangel Rhydithon on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (6) available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and informal meeting to follow. Numbers for tea by the 10th certain.—J. P. Hyett, Hon. Dis. Sec., Dulas Terrace, Hay.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Sowton on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (8) at 2.30 p.m., also Honiton Clist (8). Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m.. Meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Monday, Sept. 12th.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rawmarsh on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Short service in Church at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, at 1s. per head. Business meeting immediately after tea. For tea, please notify Mr. F. C. Wilson, 131, Wheatcroft Road, Sandhill, Rawmarsh, by the 15th.—J. J. L. Gilbert, Div. Sec., 25a, St. Joseph's Road, Sheffield 9.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Dunmow on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Will all those intending to be present please notify Mr. H. W. Smith, 11, Causeway, Dunmow, Essex, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 14th? All ringers welcome. Don't miss this opportunity of a ring on this very fine peal of eight.—Hilda G. Snowden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Belle Vue, Heddingham Road, Halstead, Essex.

BERRIEW, MONTGOMERYSHIRE.—The ring of six bells, rehung by John Taylor and Co., will be reopened on Sunday, Sept. 18th, at 11 a.m. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of St. Asaph.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Wigan on Saturday, Sept. 24th. The preacher will be the Lord Bishop of Liverpool (Dr. David). Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker and T. Wilson, Hon. Secs.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next general meeting will be held at York on Saturday, Sept. 24th, when the ring of 12 bells (tenor 60 cwt.) at the Minster will be available from 2.15 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. The ring of six at SS. Philip and James, Clifton, will also be available from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Dean of York, the Very Rev. H. N. Bate, D.D., extends a hearty invitation to Evensong in the Minster at 4 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d.) will be served in the Feasegate Cafe and Restaurant, Feasegate, at 5 p.m., and all who require same *must* notify Mr. G. Horner, 91, Clifton Green, York, by the first post on Thursday, Sept. 22nd. The general meeting will be held immediately afterwards on the same premises. As the agenda will include very important business, it is hoped that a large and representative gathering will be present.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford.

IMPORTANT.—Preliminary Notice.—The third annual dinner of the Surrey Association will be held on Saturday, Oct. 1st, next, at the Greyhound Hotel, Croy-

don. Cost 5s. 6d. per head. Please make a note of the date. Full details later.—Edward G. Talbot, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Ringers are cordially invited to attend the annual dinner at Chorley Town Hall on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Covers at 6 p.m. Tickets at 4s. 6d. each from Mr. A. Blogg, 2, Oak Cottages, Coupe's Fold, Clayton-le-Woods, Chorley, or W. H. Shuker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester 11.

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IN MEMORIAM.

PREWETT.—Killed in action, Aug. 31st, 1918, Bertram Prewett, of Bushey.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

FETE INTERFERES WITH RINGING.

The monthly meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held on Saturday, August 27th, at St. Wilfred's Church, Calverley, and, although favoured by good weather, the attendance was below expectations. No doubt the commencement of the football season had something to do with this, as well as the fact of August being a very popular holiday month. The bells were raised in peal about 3.30 p.m., and although the ringing was slightly curtailed owing to the close proximity of a garden fete, a variety of methods was enjoyed throughout the afternoon and evening.

A brief interval was necessary in the ringing whilst the local Member of Parliament indulged in the customary oratory at the fete. Whilst this was in progress some of the ringers adjourned to the park, where a cricket match was in progress. Unfortunately this was not of 'Test Match' standard, and it was a relief when ringing was permissible again.

After the tea interval, the business meeting was held in the tower, and owing to the unavoidable absence of the president, Mr. P. J. Johnson was unanimously voted to the chair.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, wardens and local company for kindly granting the use of the bells was proposed by Mr. F. Rayment, seconded by Mr. T. Hill, but unfortunately there were no local members present to respond, as several were 'on duty' at the garden fete.

It was explained that the next meeting at Rothwell is to be brought forward a week, and will be held on September 17th. This has been arranged mutually with the Yorkshire Association, whose meeting is being fixed for the 24th. Particulars of the Rothwell meeting will be advertised on September 9th.

After the meeting further ringing was enjoyed until the bells were finally lowered in peal about 9 o'clock.

The towers represented during the day were as follows: Armley, Bramley, Bradford, Calverley, Burley, Drighlington, Headingley St. Michael's, Hunslet, Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Pudsey and Rothwell. Very welcome visitors were Mr. Charles Lawson, of Newcastle, and the Rev. E. V. Cox, president of the Devon Guild. The methods rung during the day ranged from Cambridge Minor to Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major.

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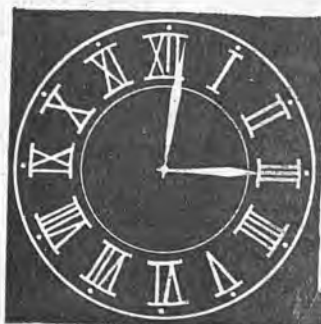
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