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It cannot be expected that all who begin ringing will stick to it; after the first novelty of handling a bell has worn off, there comes a period of what may seem drudgery, which, compared with the attractions of some other pursuits, must seem to the beginner quite tame and uninteresting, and it is at this stage that many of the recruits disappear. Whatever the instructor may do, he is bound to lose a proportion of his raw material from this cause. It is disheartening, but he knows that if he is to maintain a band he must persevere in spite of all discouragements. It is only those bands who make persistent efforts to bring in beginners, and who are prepared to make some sacrifice to instruct and interest them, that can hope to keep up their numerical strength. Unless this is done there is always a danger of even the best companies going to pieces. The inexorable claims of death or disablement, the removal of a member or two arising from their employment, and the strongest of bands can be crippled. No company, however efficient, ought to give way to the temptation to neglect bringing in learners. There may be difficulties in finding suitable material, but we believe there are very few churches where recruits cannot be obtained if the right approach is made and the assistance of the incumbent sought. But, however great the difficulty, the future of any band of service ringers can only be secured by the regular introduction of new blood. There should not only be sufficient ringers to ring the bells, the aim should be to have a reserve of members so that unexpected gaps may be filled up. Time and again there have been examples of companies who have reached the highest standards of proficiency disappearing as bands from the ringing firmament simply because, in the height of their success, they have failed to make provision for the future. It is a shortsighted policy. Often, however, these bands have been built up

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by an influx of 'ready made' ringers. We admire most the companies that have grown from local material and been maintained by persistent recruiting effort, even though their standard of ringing may not be quite so high nor their peal performances so brilliant. Their last-ing service to the art of ringing is, however, of greater value.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WINCHESTER, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Saturday, September 17, 1938, in Three Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY AND ST. SWITHUN

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES;**

Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in C.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	WILFRED ANDREWS ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 2	REGINALD A. REED ... .. 8
FRANK W. PERRENS ... .. 3	GEORGE NOICE ... .. 9
HERBERT J. SKELT ... .. 4	FRANK E. PERVIN ... .. 10
C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 5	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 11
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 6	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. NEWSON.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

GREAT YARMOUTH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 10, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 30½ cwt. in C sharp.

*JOHN G. W. HARWOOD ... .. Treble	*EDWIN R. GOATE ... .. 6
*NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 2	*ARTHUR G. KING ... .. 7
GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 3	*CHARLES W. LOOME ... .. 8
*FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... .. 4	*HENRY TOOKE ... .. 9
ERNEST WHITING ... .. 5	WILLIAM CLOVER ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Royal in the method. First peal of Double Norwich Royal on the bells.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 14, 1938, in Three Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5160 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D flat.

*ERNEST A. LONG ... .. Treble	*STANLEY FENN ... .. 6
EDWIN R. GOATE ... .. 2	RICHARD W. COATES ... .. 7
J. G. WILLIAM HARWOOD ... .. 3	R. WILLIAM BARBER ... .. 8
C. FREDERICK SAYER ... .. 4	GODFREY WALPOLE ... .. 9
ARTHUR G. KING ... .. 5	DONALD LONG ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

\* First peal on ten bells. First peal of Oxford Royal by all the band except the conductor.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 17, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

**A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb. in F sharp.

WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... .. Treble	ERNEST J. AYLIFFE ... .. 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 2	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 7
DORIS G. DOBBIE ... .. 3	WALTER H. DOBBIE ... .. 8
DOUGLAS R. HAYES ... .. 4	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... .. 9
RAYMOND PHILPOTT ... .. 5	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. S. GOLDSMITH.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to W. Robinson and the conductor.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On September 18th, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. A. Bullock 1, A. Lawrence 2, C. J. Gardiner 3, S. Palmer 4, E. J. Berry 5, W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 6, W. W. T. Daniell 7, A. E. W. Smith 8. A compliment to the tenorman on his 70th birthday.

## OSSETT, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 17, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in D.

*JOHN E. TURLEY ... .. Treble	††HAROLD CHANT ... .. 6
WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 2	†G. GORDON GRAHAM ... .. 7
WILLIAM WOODHEAD ... .. 3	RONALD H. DOVE ... .. 8
JOHN AMBLER ... .. 4	*HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ... .. 9
GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... .. 5	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM  
 \* First peal of Royal in the method. † First attempt for a peal on ten bells. †† 100th peal. This is the first peal of Royal on the bells.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 10, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN FREEMAN ... .. Treble	GEOFFREY M. MAYER... .. 5
MRS. C. MCGUINNESS ... .. 2	JOHN WALDEN ... .. 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... .. 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... .. 7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... .. 4	WALTER TOMLINSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

## ST. IVES, HUNTS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 10, 1938, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb. in F sharp.

HERBERT COLE ... .. Treble	*WILFRED YOUNG ... .. 5
ARTHUR J. ABRAMS ... .. 2	GEORGE L. PERKINS ... .. 6
WILLIAM T. GODFREY ... .. 3	†WILLIAM SEEKINGS ... .. 7
*RUSSELL A. PAUL ... .. 4	FRANK WARRINGTON... .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major.

## DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 10, 1938, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM J. GROOM ... .. Treble	RONALD SUCKLING ... .. 5
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... .. 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... .. 6
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 3	CECIL W. PIPE ... .. 7
*SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... .. 4	JOHN W. WARD ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

\* 100th peal and 50th peal this year.

## HILGAY, NORFOLK.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(WISBECH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 10, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

ALFRED BACON ... .. Treble	WALLACE COUSINS ... .. 5
CLAUDE COUSINS ... .. 2	ARTHUR ROLFE ... .. 6
JOHN BUCKENHAM ... .. 3	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM... .. 7
LEWIS BUSH ... .. 4	ARTHUR G. BASON ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. G. BASON.

A birthday compliment to ringers of 7 and 8.

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## HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 10, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Treble	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 5
FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... .. 2	ROLAND BIGGS ... .. 6
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... .. 3	*WALTER LEE ... .. 7
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... .. 4	F. DONALD BOREHAM ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

\* First peal in the method.

## BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 10, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN J. WEBB ... .. Treble	*FRANK E. DOWNES ... .. 5
WILLIAM T. POSTON ... .. 2	*ALBERT E. HURCOMB... .. 6
GEORGE T. COUSINS ... .. 3	HENRY J. TAYLOR ... .. 7
ALFRED T. POULTON ... .. 4	WILLIAM POSTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by W. POSTON.

\* First peal of Major.

## BROADCLYST, DEVON.

## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, September 12, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

*FREDERICK C. SMALE ... Treble	THOMAS LAVER ... .. 5
*MISS FLORENCE K. HARTLE 2	JAMES E. LILLEY ... .. 6
CHARLES R. LILLEY ... .. 3	REV. J. H. B. ANDREWS ... .. 7
JOHN H. GODFREY, SEN. ... 4	R. THOMAS NEWMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

\* First peal in the method.

## HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, September 13, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*JOHN C. PERKINS ... .. Treble	JOHN THOMAS ... .. 5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... .. 2	*RALPH HARRIS ... .. 6
MRS. J. THOMAS... .. 3	*JOSEPH E. NEWMAN ... .. 7
*J. WILLIAM HEATH ... .. 4	C. ARTHUR MANNING... .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.  
 \* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor, on the bells and by the branch.

## BOLSTERSTONE, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 14, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF COLLEGE SINGLE MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

LEONARD SHAW ... .. Treble	JOHN R. BREARLEY ... .. 5
*DAVID W. BREARLEY ... .. 2	JAMES H. CHARLESWORTH ... .. 6
VICTOR COPLEY ... .. 3	CHARLES H. GILLOTT ... .. 7
WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... .. 4	JOHN A. BREARLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. A. BREARLEY.  
 \* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor's father-in-law, Mr. J. Buckley, of Tideswell.

## BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 14, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWARD T. BAILEY ... .. Treble	*DONALD F. FERGUSON ... .. 5
FRANK ROWSELL ... .. 2	*TREVOR M. RODERICK ... .. 6
*ROBERT E. COLES ... .. 3	GEORGE POPNELL ... .. 7
CHARLES H. PERRY ... .. 4	ERNEST STITCH ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON. Conducted by C. H. PERRY.  
 \* First peal in the method. Arranged for Mr. D. F. Fergusson, of Derby, who was spending a holiday at Porthcawl.

## EYNSFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (6th observation).

Tenor 12 cwt.

ALBERT DISERENS ... .. Treble	HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 5
*PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. 2	HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... .. 6
†DENNIS G. BROWN ... .. 3	DEREK M. SHARP ... .. 7
†THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... .. 4	GEORGE W. FOGDEN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

\* First peal in the method away from the treble. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal in the method, other than Doubles.

## DARTMOUTH, DEVON.

## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 17, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Saviour,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

AUBREY L. BENNETT ... .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER ... .. 5
EDWARD W. BIFFEN ... .. 2	ALFRED G. BETTS ... .. 6
HENRY C. COLLIER ... .. 3	THOMAS G. MYERS ... .. 7
ALFRED W. MYERS ... .. 4	ERNEST J. TAYLOR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

## GILLINGHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 17, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

GEORGE KENWARD ... .. Treble	FRANK BELSEY ... .. 5
WILLIAM SPICE ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... .. 6
EDWARD A. G. ALAN ... .. 3	GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... .. 7
FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... .. 4	VICTOR A. JARRETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.  
Rung as a birthday compliment to R. M. Naylor, brother of the seventh ringer.

## MILVERTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALFRED J. WYATT ... .. Treble	CLAUDE TARR ... .. 5
*HENRY PURCHASE ... .. 2	JACK ROY ... .. 6
WILLIAM CROSS ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. LLOYD ... .. 7
JAMES HUNT ... .. 4	WILLIAM T. JEANES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. H. LLOYD.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples.

## HOLLESLEY, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. Mary-le-Tower Society.)

On Saturday, September 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

*WILLIAM TILLET ... .. Treble	SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... .. 5
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... .. 2	*GEORGE A. FLEMING ... .. 6
*ALAN R. ANDREWS ... .. 3	CECIL W. PIPE ... .. 7
*JOHN W. WARD ... .. 4	*FREDERICK J. SMITH ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

\* First touch of Yorkshire Major.

## NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two-and-a-Half Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

JOHN WORTH ... .. Treble	JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... .. 5
*G. LEONARD BURGESS ... .. 2	WILLIAM FERNLEY ... .. 6
*FRANK TWIGG ... .. 3	JAMES A. MILNER ... .. 7
*REV. FRANK BONNER ... .. 4	PETER LAFLIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

## EATON SOCON, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 17, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLIE SMITH ... .. Treble	C. HENRY HARDING ... .. 5
WILLIAM WAGSTAFFE ... .. 2	EDMUND WAGSTAFFE ... .. 6
REGINALD HOUGHTON ... .. 3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... .. 7
BRIAN F. SIMS ... .. 4	WALTER G. NICHOLLS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.

First peal on eight bells by all except the ringers of 5th and 7th. The treble and tenor ringers belong to the local band.

## WOOLWICH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

ERNEST H. OXENHAM ... .. Treble	BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE ... .. 5
HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... .. 2	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... .. 6
*FREDERICK E. PITMAN ... .. 3	DEREK M. SHARPE ... .. 7
JOHN E. LYDDIARD ... .. 4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

\* First peal in the method.

## NEWCASTLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 17, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*CLIFFORD DOWNING ... .. Treble	FREDERICK A. FORSTER ... .. 5
†SIDNEY THOMPSON ... .. 2	†EDMUND ATKINSON ... .. 6
*NORMAN SARGEANT ... .. 3	CHARLES H. PAGE ... .. 7
†ERNEST G. KETTLE ... .. 4	CHARLES JACKSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

\* First peal. \* First peal 'inside' in the method. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. G. Arnold Moore (ringer at the above church) and Miss Doris Coomer, which took place previous to the peal.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

## TAXAL, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 10, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, each called differently.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*ALAN BEELEY ... .. Treble	WILFRED WILDE ... .. 4
STANLEY ARDERN ... .. 2	ERNEST BENNETT ... .. 5
*WILLIAM HOLTON ... .. 3	JAMES A. MILNER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST BENNETT.

\* First peal.

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## UPLYME, DEVON.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 10, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*LAURA M. KEELEY ... .. Treble	†HENRY G. KEELEY ... .. 4
H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ... .. 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... .. 5
ROBERT WAKE ... .. 3	†CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL Tenor

Conducted by C. W. H. POWELL.

\* First peal. † First peal in seven methods. First peal as conductor.

## WARBLETON, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 11, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each a different composition, all 5-6's at back.

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

CHARLES A. BASSETT ... .. Treble	FRANK H. HICKS ... .. 4
WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... .. 2	ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... .. 5
WILFRID BOOTH ... .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

## LEICESTER.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

*GEORGE W. ALLEN ... .. Treble	*HERBERT SHELTON ... .. 4
*WALTER P. HEGGS ... .. 2	RONALD RUSSELL ... .. 5
*JOHN HUNT ... .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal.

## THE CORNWALL TOUR.

## STOKECLIMSLAND, CORNWALL.

## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 10, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. Treble	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 5
*MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... .. 6
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... .. 7
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

\* 200th peal. First peal of Major on the bells.

## LAUNCESTON, CORNWALL.

## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 11, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-BY-LAUNCESTON,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... .. Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 5
MRS. JACK BRAY ... .. 2	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	JACK BRAY ... .. 7
GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

First peal of Major on the bells.

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## ALTARNON, CORNWALL.

## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 12, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NON,

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. Treble	CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... .. 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 7
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Major on the bells, and first in the method in the county.

## CARDYNHAM, CORNWALL.

## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 12, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MREBREDUS,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5
MRS. JACK BRAY ... .. 2	JACK BRAY ... .. 6
GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... .. 7
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... .. 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by R. RICHARDSON.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## ST. ANTHONY-IN-MEANEGE, CORNWALL.

## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 13, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANTHONY,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES BENNETT ... .. Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5
*CYRIL E. LANXON ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... .. 6
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... .. 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 7
JACK BRAY ... .. 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by L. W. G. MORRIS.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

## ST. KEA, CORNWALL.

## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 13, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. Treble	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 5
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON ... .. 2	REV. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... .. 6
MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGIN ... .. 3	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 7
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JAMES BENNETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## ST. MAWGAN, CORNWALL.

## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 14, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MAUGANUS AND NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

CYRIL E. LANXON ... .. Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 5
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... .. 6
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by E. C. S. TURNER.

First peal on the bells.

## BODMIN, CORNWALL.

## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 14, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETROC,

## A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

MRS. JACK BRAY ... .. Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5
*CYRIL E. LANXON ... .. 2	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	JACK BRAY ... .. 7
GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.

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

LANIVET, CORNWALL.  
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 14, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nyvett,

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

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ... .. Treble	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 5
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 2	*FREDERICK H. HARRIS ... 6
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 7
JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... 4	*PERCY R. C. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

\* First peal in the method.

TUCKINGMILL, CORNWALL.  
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 6
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 3	*RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 7
JAMES BENNETT ... .. 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal in the method away from the treble. First peal on the eight bells.

ST. ENODER, CORNWALL.  
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 15, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Enodrus,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... .. Treble	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 5
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... 6
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 3	*CYRIL E. LANXON ... 7
GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal in the method.

ST. COLUMB MAJOR, CORNWALL.  
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 16, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Columba,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE ... .. Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 5
JACK BRAY ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 6
GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 3	*ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 7
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by E. C. S. TURNER.

\* 200th peal. First peal of Major on the bells.

TRURO, CORNWALL.  
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 16, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;**

Tenor 33½ cwt.

JAMES BENNETT ... .. Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 6
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... 2	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 7
JACK BRAY ... .. 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 8
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 9
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 5	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

A birthday compliment to Mr. W. H. Fussell.

LANLIVERY, CORNWALL.  
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bryrith,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

JACK BRAY ... .. Treble	GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 5
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 6
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4	JAMES BENNETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

(Continued in next column.)

**TROUBLE IN SHROPSHIRE.**

**VICAR PLACES EVERY MEMBER OUT OF OFFICE.**

An unpleasant situation has arisen at Great Ness, Shropshire, where the Vicar (the Rev. A. W. Buckley) is at variance with his ringers.

The following notice was placed in the belfry on September 4th:—

**NOTICE.**

SEPTEMBER 4th, 1938.

The bad behaviour in this tower on the part of certain members necessitates a clean up.

After to-day the bells must cease to ring.

After to-day every member goes out of office.

When I am ready I shall call a meeting—the meeting will be called to submit the following rules:—

Evidently, there have been no rules, and, therefore, no law and order in this tower. From now on there will be both if the ringing is to continue.

Remember, it is not necessary for the bells to be rung at all.

The following rules must be strictly adhered to:—

'Member' means confirmed member of the Church of England.

No practising must take place in this tower without permission.

It must be understood from now that Sunday ringing is for the sole purpose of calling parishioners to divine worship; therefore, in future it necessitates members of the tower attending service at least once every Sunday.

With regard to any effort made to raise funds for the bellringers' outing, etc., sanction must be given also to the kind of poster used, and particularly to the wording. The expression, 'Keep the church bells ringing' must not appear on posters.

If it is possible for signs to be given instead of shouts when your different changes are in progress, this will aid to the proper atmosphere in which bells and bellringing ought to give.

Other rules may be added to the above as occasion demands.

A. W. B.

Mr. E. T. Embrey, M.Sc., captain of the local bellringers, said in a Press interview:—

'We are very upset about this business altogether. We have been thrown out of office without a word of personal explanation—we have nothing but scathing references from the pulpit, a passage in the magazine to which we take the greatest exception, and the final indignity of the "rules" that have been put up in the belfry. We categorically and most emphatically deny the charges of "bad behaviour"—in fact, we are at a loss to know what it means.

'There has been always a set of rules, to which the Vicar has agreed, and his reference to "calls" when we are changing peals is absurd, because anyone who knows anything about it knows they are essential. The Shropshire Association of Church Bellringers has been acquainted with the whole matter.'

In regard to ringers not attending services in the church, Mr. Embrey said: 'The real truth of that is this—three members of the team, who were in the choir, were told, with some brusqueness, that their services were no longer required at certain services. One of them had been in the choir for 19 years, and all took exception. Out of loyalty to the team they carried on with the bellringing, but as a protest did not attend the church services. They felt they had done their duty and that their bellringing was in itself some act of worship. We all have had long associations with the church, some for generations, and we can also say that our organisation is the only social organisation in the village.'

**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

SPALDING, Lincs.—For the patronal festival on Sunday, September 11th, by the local band, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. J. Farr 1, J. G. Ames 2, G. W. Mills 3, N. Hollingworth 4, G. W. Simpson 5, W. Hollingworth 6, J. W. Newington (conductor) 7, P. Wooten (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 8.

WORSLEY.—On September 18th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,293 changes): Keith Welsby 1, Harry Allred, jun. 2, \*Miss Joan A. Blackman 3, Robert Allred 4, Charles Ridyard 5, \*Arthur J. N. Rance 6, Fred Grundy 7, Percy H. Derbyshire 8, Joseph H. Ridyard (conductor) 9, Robert Jones 10. \* Longest length on ten bells. First quarter of Stedman Caters by the 2nd ringer.

(Continued from previous column.)

LANHYDROCK, CORNWALL.  
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Hydock,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 5
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... 2	GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 6
JAMES BENNETT ... .. 3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 7
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JAMES BENNETT.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

## PEAL NOTES.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Woolwich was rung for the wedding of Mr. R. G. Gales and Miss E. D. Gribben, both members of the local band, who were married earlier in the day at Eltham. Mr. B. W. Aldridge, who rang the fifth, has now completed the circle in the tower, and Mr. R. M. Naylor did the same at Gillingham when he rang the fifth to the Bob Major on the 17th.

The Grandsire Triples at Newcastle-under-Lyme was also a wedding peal, and was rung after Mr. G. Arnold Moore, one of the local band, had been married to Miss Doris Coomer.

The peal of Stedman Cinques rung at Winchester Cathedral on Saturday last was the first rung on the bells since recasting by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in 1937. It also coincided with the 77th birthday of Mr. W. H. Fussell. It was Mr. G. Noyce's first peal on twelve bells and first of Stedman Cinques by Messrs. Andrews and Reed. The Dean, Dr. E. G. Selwyn, met the ringers afterwards and congratulated them on their performance.

A peal of Plain Bob Minor in a twelve-bell tower is an unusual event, probably a unique event; and the performance at St. Margaret's, Leicester, on September 17th, was rung to complete the record of Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus in the same method on the bells. All the band except the conductor, Mr. Ernest Morris, belong to Hallerton, and it was the first peal by the first four of them.

The band of the Kent County Association that went to Eynsford on Sept. 15th had intended to start for Double Norwich, but the conductor missed his train. When he did eventually turn up it was decided, owing to the lateness of the hour, to ring Grandsire Triples.

The Yorkshire Surprise Major rung at Hollesley on Saturday was in honour of two vividly contrasted events—the 87th birthday of Mr. Robert H. Brundle, and the first birthday of Robert Pipe, youngest son of Cecil W. Pipe, the ringer of the seventh. Mr. Brundle has been for many years one of the best known members of the very skilful band at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, and as long ago as 1922 he took part in a veterans' peal. The list of famous peals he has rung in is a long one, not the least being the 16,608 of Oxford Treble Bob rung at Debenham in 1892.

A band of Devon members visited St. Saviour's Church, Dartmouth, on Saturday, where the bells have lately been recast and rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and rang an excellent peal of Grandsire Triples. The bells were found to be in splendid going order, and at the conclusion of the peal the band received very hearty congratulations from the Vicar of Dartmouth and others who had gathered to watch the peal in progress.

Two prominent Guildford ringers—A. H. Pulling and W. Robinson—shared in the honours of a congratulatory birthday peal at Haslemere on Saturday. There was a surprise for them when Major Hesse

dispensed his usual hospitality at the conclusion of the peal in the form of a birthday cake made by the Major's youngest son, Ronnie, and decorated with two silver bells. Ronnie was heartily congratulated on his cooking.

Miss Sylvia Bowyer, of Ipswich, has far outstripped her last year's record of peals, and on September 10th at Debenham rang her fiftieth peal this year. It is an extraordinary record for a lady.

It happened that this peal also brought her total to exactly a hundred. These have been rung in 38 towers with 139 different ringers. The first peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Royal at Great Yarmouth was rung at St. Nicholas' Church on September 10th. It was the first peal of Royal in the method by seven of the band, and, by a coincidence, was A. G. King's 50th peal, Henry Tooke's 100th and William Clover's 250th.

A peal of Minor, rung at Uplyme, Devon, on September 10th, by members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, was Cuthbert Powell's first peal in seven methods and his first as conductor.

Mr. Pat Cannon 'turned in' his seventieth tenor to a peal when he called a peal of Bob Minor at Warbleton, Sussex, on September 11th.

The peal of Bob Minor rung at Patshull, Staffordshire, on August 13th and published in our issue of August 26th, should be credited to the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford and not to the North Staffordshire Association as stated.

College Single Major, which was rung at Bolderstone on September 14th, is one of the earliest of the eight-bell methods, the first peal being rung by the College Youths as far back as 1737, but since the 18th century it has not been practised except occasionally in Yorkshire. As it has not got Bob Major lead-ends, it does not comply with modern standards, but it has some good qualities. The peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Buckley, of Tideswell, the father-in-law of the conductor, who is one of a family well known among Yorkshire ringers.

### BELFRY STAIRS.

#### A NECESSARY SAFEGUARD.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—After the Central Council meeting some of us continued the discussion on handrails to belfry stairs. The result was that what appeared to be the best arrangement was a handrail on the inside, twisting round the newel or centre post. This would not only be much shorter than on the outside wall, but it would help to keep those using the stairs on the wider and safer portion of the treads.

A handrail on the outside should only be fixed on such stairs as are so wide as to have handrails on both sides.

Is there any objection to this arrangement? If not, ringers may well recommend it to the authorities in every suitable tower.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

To-day is the 157th anniversary of a peal of Bob Major rung by the College Youths at Ware in Hertfordshire. Two of their best men, John Povey and William Lyford, had to be put to the second, for one of the gudgeons was broken.

In September, 1732, the City Scholars rang 10,080 changes on the old light ring of eight bells at St. Giles', Camberwell. It was the third peal of over ten thousand changes that had up till then been achieved. The City Scholars had a short but brilliant career, another of their performances being 6,012 changes of Grandsire Caters at Cripplegate in the following month, at the time the longest length in the method. The band shortly afterwards broke up, some joining the College Youths, some the Eastern Scholars, and one of them went to Oxford and rang peals there.

Very commendable keenness was shown by two Yorkshiremen lately, who between them cycled 130 miles to ring in a peal of Bob Royal at Ossett. Mr. J. E. Turley cycled from Handsworth, a distance of 30 miles each way, and Mr. G. Graham from Eckington, a distance of 35 miles each way.

We are requested to state that ringers visiting Bournemouth should note that St. John's tower, Surrey Road, has been closed by the Vicar and local ringers dismissed. The reason given for the closure of the tower is the non-attendance at church every Sunday.

We have received a report of a peal of Bob Major rung at Middleton with some of the particulars missing. Will the conductor forward a complete record?

## POLICE GUILD VISIT BANBURY.

Advantage was taken of the Guild president (Supt. F. R. Williams) being on holiday at Banbury to convene a meeting in that town on September 11th.

A pleasing feature of the gathering was that the members present were able to make the acquaintance of Supt. A. Wiggins, Deputy Chief Constable of Berkshire, and Supt. W. Green, of Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire, who were previously members of the Guild.

Ringings commenced at 2.45 p.m. and included some Grandsire Caters, Stedman Caters and a course of Cambridge Surprise Major. The life of the party was undoubtedly Brother Bill, of Birmingham. He truly was a busy bee buzzing all the time. There is certainly nothing 'Dowdy' about him as was apparent from his 'Surprise Element' of conducting. An excellent tea was enjoyed at a club room at one of the local hotels. Thirty-five actually sat down to tea. Members later took part with some of the local company in ringing for the evening service.

The enthusiasm which is apparent at the National Guild meetings is really surprising. Members were present from so far afield as Weston-super-Mare, Cardiff and Manchester, apart from some of the Midlanders, who had travelled quite a considerable distance. It was announced after tea that arrangements are being made for the annual meeting to take place in London on Saturday, January 28th, 1939. It is well worth while for members to buy a new diary for the purposes of making a note of this 'red letter day.'

The thanks of the Guild are due to Mr. Impey, of the Banbury ringers, for the excellent arrangements made, which contributed very largely to the enjoyment of the afternoon, and also to the Church authority for granting permission to ring on the bells.

## LADIES' GUILD AT BEDALE.

The first meeting of the newly-divided Northern District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Bedale on Saturday, September 17th, in conjunction with the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association. This meeting was arranged with the definite object of arousing greater enthusiasm amongst the ladies in the North, whether members of the Guild already or not, and it was disappointing that a larger number was not able to be present. Several apologies for absence were received, and those members who did come were made very welcome and spent a most enjoyable half-day. They took part in the ringing (some good and some not so good!) in methods ranging from Plain Bob, via Grandsire, Kent, Double Norwich and Stedman, to Superlative. An excellent tea was provided at the Royal Oak, and, at the short meeting which followed, the president of the Cleveland Association welcomed the members of the Guild very warmly and expressed the hope that there might be more such joint meetings in the future. At the business meeting of the Guild there was some discussion of the effects on the district of the recent re-division, involving the loss of about half the members, including some of the officers. In particular the meeting expressed its keen appreciation of the splendid work done by Miss I. B. Thompson, of Nottingham, as joint secretary. Mrs. Cotterell voiced the thanks of the members to the local company, to the Vicar of Bedale and the churchwardens, and to the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, especially to Mr. Reed, the secretary, for making possible such a very pleasant meeting.

Special attention was called to the next meeting of the Northern District, to be held at Sheffield on October 8th. This has been purposely arranged for the same day as the annual Snowdon Dinner, and it is hoped that there will be a record attendance. Particulars will be given in 'The Ringing World.'



## LEADING CONDUCTORS—37.

## MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT.

In our issue of September 9th there is a report of a peal of Stedman Triples composed by Dr. G. W. Slack and conducted by Mr. Maurice Hibbert. It was a performance of more than usual merit, for the peal was in two equal parts with two ordinary singles only, and a very irregular arrangement of the bobs. It was only one of a number of very similar performances by Mr. Hibbert, and his title to be included in this series rests not so much on the number of peals he has called (there are only 45 of them), but on their quality and variety. The one, we fancy, he is proudest of is Law James' seven-part peal of Stedman Triples, which has 252 bobs and 210 singles arranged very irregularly, and no observation bell. It is a peal, as he himself says, which could very easily be 'cooked,' and so he had a competent umpire who made sure that every bob and every single was called in the right place.

Mr. Hibbert has never called the same composition twice, and his peals include such unusual ones as Erin Triples, Original Triples (the only one ever rung), Original Major, Erin Caters and Erin Cinques, besides three odd-bob or odd-and-even-bob peals of Stedman Triples. His other performances as conductor were Plain, Cambridge and London Minor, Grandsire Triples (including, of course, the Original), Plain, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, London, Norfolk and Bristol Major, Stedman Cinques and Treble Bob Maximus. The two last were at St. Saviour's, Southwark; in both of them Mr. Hibbert rang the tenor, and on neither occasion had he previously called a bob on eleven or twelve bells.

Maurice Hibbert was born on Feb. 29th, 1888, at Newbury, Berks, and made his first acquaintance with a belfry at St. Giles', South Mimms, where his father was sexton, but it was at Bushey in 1902 that he learnt change ringing. His father had become sexton and vergier there, and Bertram Prewett was the leader of the ringers and instructed the novice.

Mr. Hibbert's first peal was on the tenor at Bushey in December, 1903, and his fiftieth (Stedman Triples at St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, in January, 1912) was his first as conductor. During the war he was stationed at Caterick and did his utmost to arrange a khaki peal, but in those days ringers came and went and continued in no long stay, so the nearest he got was a peal of Grandsire Triples at Richmond on December 14th, 1918, with five soldiers and three civilians. He did, however, call a touch of Stedman Triples at Blackpool in 1916 with an all-khaki band.

After the war he returned to Bushey to find serious losses in the belfry, and he had to take over the conducting and was largely responsible for the renewed prosperity of the band, which now (with Harold Cashmore as the principal conductor) ranks among the foremost in the country.

In all Mr. Hibbert has scored 271 peals, not a great number, but they include, besides all the standard methods, peals of Surprise Major in no fewer than 30 methods, and Spliced Surprise in all numbers from two to six methods. Even in these days when so many methods are rung this is a very notable record.

Some time ago there were rumours that Mr. Hibbert's health was not so good as could be wished, and his many friends have noticed with pleasure the renewed appearance of his name in the peal records.

## PENDLEBURY RINGERS' LOSS

After a very brief illness, Mr. Thomas Lingard, of Pendlebury, near Manchester, died on September 9th, aged 80. For over 62 years he had been a ringer at Christ Church, Pendlebury, and was conductor of the local band. As a tribute to his memory, 1,386 changes of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells muffled on September 17th by the following local ringers: Bernard Smith 1, Alfred Lomas 2, Norman Tompkins (conductor) 3, Daniel Howard 4, William Collier 5, Albert Wallwork 6, Thomas Howard 7, Fred Jones 8. This was the longest touch conducted by Norman Tompkins, who was a grandson of the deceased.



MR. MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT.

## THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE TOUR.

## A SUCCESSFUL WEEK.

The annual early September tour, the seventh of this particular party, took place in Gloucestershire, and, as recorded in 'The Ringing World' last week, eleven peals were rung. After having had such a successful tour, both for ringing and the social side, at Bourton-on-the-Water last year, it was decided to go further into the same county on this occasion, and the organiser, Mr. Jack M. Cripps, was asked to arrange for 14 towers, which he did in conjunction with Mr. John Austin, of Gloucester. Headquarters for the week were at Kimbrose Hotel, Commercial Road, Gloucester.

Mr. Harry Hart's 20-seater coach, with Peter the driver, was engaged, this means of collective locomotion having proved eminently successful for the past two years in Somerset and the Cotswolds. On Saturday, September 3rd, the various members of the party, a dozen in all, were picked up, starting from Brighton and calling at Crawley, Guildford and Reading. After lunch at Reading a quick run was made via Wantage and Faringdon to Cirencester.

It had originally been arranged to have the 12 at Cirencester Parish Church for the first peal attempt on Saturday afternoon, but a few days beforehand word came that the bells were not available for a peal on that day.

However, through the kindness of Mr. Wilfred Hayward, the tower captain, the eight bells at Watermoor, about half a mile from the centre of Cirencester, were placed at our disposal. Mr. Hayward gave us a warm welcome, and we were also greeted by Mr. C. J. Gardiner, of Swindon, and Mr. John Thomas. London Surprise Major went very well indeed, and a good peal came round in 3 hours and 12 minutes, conducted by O. Sippetts, the first of Major on the bells. This church has a fine octave, with tenor 20 cwt. in E, augmented in 1901, when two trebles were added. The curate-in-charge, the Rev. G. A. Harvey, himself a ringer, greeted the band after the peal and was very pleased with the good ringing he had heard.

After partaking of refreshments with the local ringers, a move was made to headquarters at Gloucester. The road, on the site of an old Roman road, runs as straight as a die for miles to Birdlip, from whence a fine view of Gloucester was obtained. By this time, however, it was getting dusk and we did not stop. At the Kimbrose Hotel the party were greeted by Mr. John Austin and ex-Sgt. J. Williams, who extended a very hearty welcome to Gloucestershire.

## PRIVILEGED VISIT TO GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL.

Mr. Austin had arranged for service ringing at Gloucester Cathedral on Sunday morning from 9 a.m. to 10.30, a privilege which was much appreciated. All the band were waiting outside the Cathedral at 9 o'clock to be introduced to the Archdeacon of Cheltenham by Mr. Austin. It was a long climb up to the belfry, which is in the big central tower, and we fully intended to give of our best, as it is over 20 years since a visiting band of ringers have been allowed to ring at this Cathedral.

Conditions in the belfry are certainly very unusual. The inside of the tower is enormous; beams and the clock case occupy a good deal of space, and the bells hang in a circle in one corner. In a frame right by the side of the ringers hangs the 63 cwt. bell on which the clock chimes the hour, and, in its great frame, dwarfs everything near. The light is very dim and there is no artificial illumination of the ringing room. The only light comes through the holes in the louvers of the tower wall; however, it is sufficient to ring by, especially when the eyes become accustomed to the gloom. The bells, a ring of eight with tenor 26 cwt. in D, are rather noisy in the ringing chamber, but are undoubtedly a fine peal. We rang a course of Cambridge, also one of London, and stopped whilst the big bell chimed at 10 o'clock. The noise was really terrific as the ten strokes boomed out. A touch of Stedman Triples completed the ringing before the bells were lowered in peal. All the ringing had been excellent, and it is to be hoped that this ringing may have done something to get the tower opened again to visiting ringers on future occasions.

A short ring followed at St. Michael's Church by the Cross at the city centre. Here, where St. Michael's Juniors were established in 1887, there is a nice peal of ten, with tenor a ton, and a fairly long draught of rope. Ringing is done from the ground floor and the bells are rather difficult to hear. Stedman Caters and Treble Ten were rung before the bells were lowered in peal.

After an early lunch, the coach was directed to the Forest of Dean, piloted by Mr. Austin, who acted as guide throughout the week. Passing through some very beautiful country, with steep hills and valleys and dense woods, the coach zig-zagged for miles, with something fresh and interesting to be seen round each bend. We were not always sure we were going on just the right road. The Sergeant had warned us the night before that Jack Austin would get lost. However, he did get us safely to our destination, St. Briavels, to time.

St. Briavels stands on a very high hill overlooking the Wye Valley. Across the valley could be seen Monmouthshire and the Brecon hills. The Church of St. Mary has a square tower with a pleasant peal of eight, tenor 15 cwt. We were met by Mr. W. Coates, ringing captain and local policeman, who let us into the tower. The ringing chamber had been newly painted and was looking very clean, while the ropes were new. The bells were set going to Yorkshire Major, and a fine peal was completed in 3 hours and 12 minutes, conducted by O. Sippetts, the first in the method on the bells.

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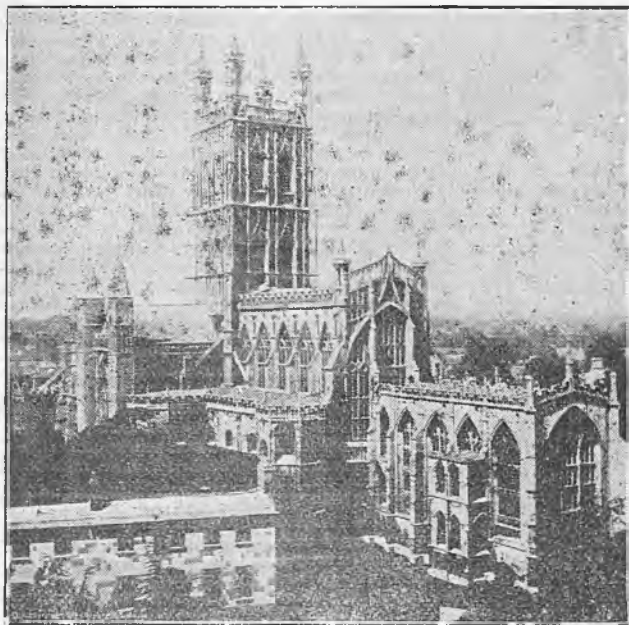
## THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE TOUR.

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After a nice tea at the local inn, we departed, down into the Wye Valley across to the Monmouth side and down to Tintern Abbey. After a short stay we returned via Chepstow to Lydney, with lasting impressions of the lovely scenery of the Wye Valley. At Lydney was spent a convivial hour with some local ringers, then home to Gloucester. We were soon to discover that everywhere Jack Austin went he met friends, always pleased to see him.

### CLOCK WIRE ENDS PEAL.

On Monday morning in dull weather we set off on the ten miles' run south to Stroud, where we found a particularly fine peal of ten with tenor 20 cwt. The ringing here is from the ground floor, there is a nice circle and the bells are easy to handle. Yorkshire Surprise Royal, under the conductorship of F. W. Rogers, went splendidly for 2½ hours, when suddenly there was a rumbling sound overhead and the second came right down. Walter Judge pulled it up quickly, then both the treble and second dropped and could not be moved, and, of course, the ringing stopped. This was in the eleventh course. When the local man turned up, investigation showed that one of the clock



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hammer wires had broken and the long piece of iron controlling the hammer had become entangled with the treble and second bells, fortunately without doing damage to the bells. This was the first failure, if failure it could be called. It was just bad luck the wire should break.

However, after a good lunch, we set off on the four miles' run to Bisley, a quiet but picturesque village. The church is approached through the school playground, and some of our party looked as if they would like to join the children at skipping, but managed to refrain. The Church of All Saints has a tall spire and is another with a ground floor ringing chamber and long draught. The bells are a nice octave, tenor 16 cwt. in F, but the trebles are difficult to hear. London Surprise Major was successful in 3 hours 4 minutes, conducted by C. E. Smith, and it was a peal well earned. The Vicar, the Rev. G. Piper, greeted the party. He said he could not provide refreshments as his wife was ill in the Vicarage. She had, however, greatly enjoyed listening to the ringing and had specially asked that the peal should proceed, for those outside would have stopped the peal had it been necessary. Fortunately, the good lady likes to hear the bells. This peal was the first of London to be rung at Bisley.

A wet dismal morning greeted us on Tuesday, but we set off on the 20-mile journey south to Wotton-under-Edge, where the church, dedicated to St. Mary-the-Virgin, has a massive square tower with a peal of eight, tenor 18½ cwt. in F. The bells were originally cast by Abel Rudhall, of Gloucester, in 1756. Three of them were recast and all hung in a steel frame by Taylors in 1902. A nice peal, but a trifle noisy in the ringing chamber (upstairs, for a change). Bristol Surprise Major went well, and an excellent peal was rung in 3 hours 21 minutes, conducted by F. W. Rogers, the first of Bristol on the bells. The peal received honourable mention from the local men, and after lunch at The Falcon we moved off to Dursley, six miles away.

Mr. E. Morgan, the local captain, was waiting at St. James' Church, situated right in the heart of the town, near the Market Place. The church has a square tower and is another with ground floor ringing chamber with long draught. The bells are a fine peal, tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in E, recast by Taylors in 1904. However, they needed careful handling, but Cambridge Surprise Major sounded well and a very good but well-earned peal was rung in 3 hours and 15 minutes, conducted by O. Sippetts, the first of Surprise on the bells.

Mr. Austin had made arrangements for the party to have a short pull at Painswick on the way home. He asked us to count the yew trees in the well-kept churchyard, but no one was keen to see if there were 99 or 100; it was taken as correct. The bells are undoubtedly a fine 12, with tenor 26 cwt. in D, they go well and the belfry is well kept. Three courses of Stedman Cinques and a course of Grandsire Cinques were rung before the bells were lowered in peal.

### ENTERTAINED BY VETERANS.

Then back to headquarters and supper and a social hour. Mr. J. Austin and ex-Sergt. J. Williams gave their celebrated course of Grandsire Triples, each four-in-hand and sitting back to back. They then entertained the company to some good tune ringing, which was received with applause. These two veterans, 75 and 86 years of age respectively, and certainly hale and, definitely, very hearty, are a good example both of the benefits of ringing and to the younger generation. It was very late when the cheery party broke up.

On Wednesday morning there was a ten-mile journey to Prestbury, a suburb of Cheltenham. We found at St. Mary's Church a fair peal of eight, with tenor 14 cwt., the original six by Rudhall, 1748, and the two trebles added by Day, of Eye, Suffolk, in 1886. Cambridge Surprise was going very well indeed when, in the 12th course, the tenor rope broke after 1 hour 25 minutes—again an unlucky termination and F. W. Rogers was once more the unlucky conductor.

The afternoon's peal was at St. Mary's Parish Church, Cheltenham. We were greeted by Mr. Sid Hayward, and, with J. Austin and C. J. Gardiner (Swindon) in the band, Stedman Cinques was successful in 3 hours 51 minutes, conducted by W. F. Judge, this being the first peal on 12 bells by N. Elliott, W. T. Beeson and O. Sippetts. The peal was well rung, a good beat being found at the start and maintained throughout. If a shade slow, the ringing was good, as 'twas said outside afterwards. The bells are a very pleasant peal, with tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat, and every bell can be heard in the (upstairs) ringing chamber.

On Thursday morning there was a 20 miles' run due west to Lydney, with the Severn Estuary on our left and Forest of Dean on the right, but a misty rain was falling, and, to our regret, visibility was bad. We were greeted by the local captain, Mr. John W. Davis, who had the bells up in readiness. A service for the patronal festival (St. Mary) was in progress and a half-hour's wait was necessary, but eventually a start was made for Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major, and it went like clockwork, with beautiful striking, and greatly appreciated by Mr. Davis. The peal was successful in 3 hours and 21 minutes, conducted by O. Sippetts, and was W. F. Judge's first peal of Spliced Surprise, also first of 'spliced' on the bells. The Vicar, the Rev. J. L. Jones, gave the party an excellent welcome and enjoyed the ringing, although he could not stop till the end of the peal. The band were joined by Mr. J. W. Jones and the Rev. Ivor Jones, from South Wales, who had run over by car to have a day with the party.

Lunch was partaken of at The Cross Keys, and here Mr. Davis voiced his appreciation of the peal. The late morning start had delayed matters and we were nearly an hour late in leaving for Ruardean, but Mr. Austin again succeeded in switching us all over the Forest of Dean. However, he managed to elucidate the tangle when we threatened to tell the ex-sergeant, and we safely arrived an hour late, to be greeted by Mr. W. Bishop, 'Mayor' of the little village and ringers' captain, the Rector (the Rev. G. F. Hilder) and local ringers. The Church of St. John-the-Baptist has a very tall pointed spire and overlooks the Wye Valley near Ross. It must be a good landmark and the country around is magnificent. The bells are a very good octave with tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in F. The original six were recast and a new seventh supplied and the whole peal rehung with new fittings in 1929 by Gillett and Johnston. Ringing is from the ground floor with 75ft. draught of rope. The bells were set going to Bristol, and a fine peal was completed in 3 hours and 15 minutes, conducted by C. E. Smith, the first of Surprise on the bells.

On Friday we journeyed to Leckhampton, adjoining Cheltenham. St. Peter's Church is situated on a steep hill known as the Devil's Chimney, and is approached by a splendid avenue of lime trees. The light peal of eight (tenor 9 cwt.) are in two tiers in the bell frame, and ringing takes place in the centre of the church between the altar and choir stalls, with the organ on one side. However, with a nice new set of ropes and a short draught, an excellent peal of Superlative was rung in 2 hours and 57 minutes, conducted by F. W. Rogers, the first of Surprise on the bells. The back six were originally by Rudhall, 1688; Taylors recast 5 and 6 and added two trebles in 1904, and the whole peal were rehung by Mears and Stainbank about two years ago. The ringers were greeted here by Canon Hennsman (Rector) and Mr. W. Townsend (captain) and received a hearty welcome.

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**CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.****MANY TOWERS INCLUDED IN WEEK'S TOUR.**

The September 'Guild Week' of the Cambridge University Guild is an institution that has been established for a great many years. This year the members were the guests of the Rev. E. G. Benson, of Hereford. They were fourteen: The Rev. A. C. Blyth (president), the Rev. E. B. James, J. H. R. Freeborn, E. M. Atkins, the Rev. B. F. Sheppard, the Rev. H. G. Benson, the Rev. E. G. Benson, J. Woolley, C. Woolley, the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, S. H. Wood, F. E. Haynes, R. D. St. J. Smith and A. R. Pargeter.

The following towers were visited: Burghill, where a peal of Cambridge came to grief; St. Briavels (8); Ross, a very grand eight; Ludlow, which has a really magnificent eight; Presteign (8); Leominster (10); Hereford Cathedral, a very grand ten, but here one too easily finds oneself dodging with one of the pillars; Clifford, where Cambridge Surprise came round happily; Bredwardine, an excellent little six; Llanfagan, really lovely bells, with the church right up a wild gully behind Brecon, hidden in the trees. This was a most marvellous setting for listening to the peal of Double Norwich. Other towers were Lugwardine (8); Malvern Priory, also a really grand eight, but without doubt quite spoilt by the silencing. However, a course of London and other touches were rung; Malvern Link, a good eight, but extraordinarily loud outside. Here a good touch of Cambridge brought the week's ringing to a close. Four tower-bell peals, one handbell peal and many good touches were rung.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.****PLEASANT VILLAGE MEETING.**

After a period of ten years, the Burton District again visited Lullington on September 17th, and the members that ventured to this picturesque Derbyshire village received a warm welcome.

As Lullington is situated on the extreme border of the county and transport being the most difficult proposition, it was thought in some quarters that it would be a difficulty to obtain an adequate attendance. Special efforts, however, were made and the result was very gratifying, as touches in twelve methods were brought round during the afternoon and evening.

During the afternoon a short service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. C. Brentnall), with Mr. A. E. Rowley at the organ.

After tea at the Colville Arms, the Vicar was voted to the chair for the business meeting and welcomed the members to Lullington. He said he understood from the secretary that it was ten years since the last meeting was arranged for Lullington, when only four members turned up, so he especially voiced his appreciation of the wonderful gathering present. He spoke of the beautifully compiled prayers in the association's form of service, and in closing his remarks the Vicar hoped they would all come again soon for a similar meeting.

It was decided to change the next two meetings on the card, which will now read: Overseale, October 8th, and Tutbury, November 5th.

The meeting closed with the secretary (Mr. J. W. Cotton) thanking the Vicar for the wonderful welcome given to the members, also for presiding and for use of the bells; to Mr. A. E. Rowley for his services as organist, and to the Ringing Master, Mr. W. H. Curson, for having everything in readiness for the meeting. This was seconded by Mr. J. H. Swinfield and carried with enthusiasm.

The following district towers were represented: Burton (St. Paul's), Ashby, Measham, Overseale, Netherseale, Newhall, and welcome visitors from Hugglescote, Ibstock and Birmingham.

**LATE NOTICES.**

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.**—The next meeting will be held at West Houghton on Sat., October 1st. Bells available 2 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.**—The next meeting will be held at Hindley, on Saturday, October 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at a local cafe, 1s. each.—S. Forshaw, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A special meeting will be held at Maidwell (6 bells) on Saturday, October 1st. Usual arrangements. Please notify hon. secretary not later than Tuesday previous of those requiring tea.—G. A. Hollick, West Street, Welford, Rugby.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS**—Preliminary Notice.—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, November 5th, at Cannon Street Hotel. Tickets 7s. 6d. each.

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**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).—W. H. Shuker and T. Wilson, Hon. Secs.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—A meeting will be held at Bramley and Womersley on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells of both towers available from 3 p.m. Service at Bramley 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting.—W. F. J. Cope, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**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. 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.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—General quarterly meeting at Wirksworth, Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (8) open all afternoon. Committee 4 p.m. Meat tea 5 p.m. in Parish Room.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Chalfont St. Giles (6 bells) on Saturday, September 24th, at 3.20 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Epsom Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells available from 3 o'clock and again in the evening. Tea in the Church Room at 5.30 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting will be held at Shenstone on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.45, with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. H. Townsend Blake. Tea (1s.) at the Fox and Hounds Inn at 5.30. Reports ready for distribution.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Gulval, Penzance. Dedication of the recast octave (Taylor) on Saturday, September 24th, at 2.30 p.m., by the Suffragan Bishop, Dr. Holden. Ringing from 3.15. All ringers welcome.



**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—The seventh annual dinner will be held at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Tything, Worcester, on Saturday, Sept. 24th, at 6 p.m. *prompt*. Chairman: The Very Rev. Arthur Davies, D.Litt., Dean of Worcester. Tickets, 3s. each. Bells available: All Saints' (10), St. John's (8), Claines (8) and St. Nicholas (6), all 3.30 to 5.30 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgberrow, Evesham.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The 61st annual festival will be held in Newcastle on Saturday, September 24th, when the bells of the Cathedral and St. John's will be available from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. A committee meeting will be held in the Crown Hotel at 3.30 p.m., followed by service in the choir of the Cathedral at 5 p.m., with an address by the Provost (Rev. G. E. Brigstocke, M.A.). Dinner will be served in the Crown Hotel at a cost of 2s. 6d. per head, followed by the annual general meeting.—Roland Park, Hon. Sec., 23, Oaklands Terrace, Darlington.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—A joint meeting with the Ely Diocesan Association, Wisbech Branch, will be held at Tydd St. Mary on Saturday, September 24th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—Geo. Ladd and W. W. Cousins, Hon. Secs.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ashby Folville on September 24th. Bells (8) will be available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Macclesfield and Stockport Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Disley on Saturday, September 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, please advise Mr. J. A. Milner, 4, Hollinwood Road, Disley. New Mills bells will be available after tea.—C. Kenneth Lewis, Hon. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Rural Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Marshfield on Saturday, September 24th. Bells (8) open from 3. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—Please remember postcard for tea.—R. C. Gifford, Gifford House, Frampton Cotterell, near Bristol.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bridgnorth Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Much Wenlock on Saturday, September 24th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me.—H. G. Thomas, Hildon, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Winwick on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Hamerton bells also available. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, and tea at Winwick 5 o'clock. Bells recently restored, and the Rector extends an invitation to all ringers.—H. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arlesey on Saturday, September 24th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good train and bus service. Please come. Let's have a good meeting.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grappenhall Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Warburton on Saturday, September 24th, at 3 p.m.—J. E. Ashcroft, P.O. Grappenhall.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ashford on Saturday, September 24th. Bells ready 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for September, at 7.30 p.m., \*St. Mary-le-Bow, 27th; St. Magnus', 29th. \*Business meeting after.—A. B. Peck, Sec., Branksome, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

**HOSE, NEAR MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTER.**—On Thursday, September 29th, at 7 p.m., the Lord Bishop of Leicester will rededicate the ring of five bells, recast and rehung by John Taylor and Co.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Trevethin, Pontypool, Mon. on Saturday, October 1st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, 94, Altery View, Newport, Mon.

**ANNUAL DINNER.**—The third annual dinner of the Surrey Association will be held at 6.30 p.m. at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on October 1st next. The bells of the Parish Church (12) and of St. Peter's (10) will be available from 3.30 to 5.45 p.m. Ladies and other friends are invited, and the cost is 5s. 6d. per head. Tickets are available from the district officers, or application, with remittance, may be made to the assistant secretary, Mr. J. Hobden, 12, Green Lane, Belmont. Applications should be made as soon as possible, in any case not later than the 24th instant.—E. G. Talbot, Hon. Sec., 8, The Ridgeway, Croydon.

**ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND THE ESSEX AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.**—A joint meeting will be held on Saturday, October 1st. Ringing at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, from 2.45 to 4.45 p.m., also at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m., and at St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C., from 7 to 9 p.m. Service at St. Leonard's Church at 4.45 p.m. Meat tea, 1s. 3d. each, at the Express Dairy Depot, 196, Shoreditch High Street, at 5.15 p.m. Please advise Mr. N. Summerhayes, 28, Bean Road, Bexley Heath, Kent, by September 28th. And please don't forget. All ringers welcomed.—N. Summerhayes, E. J. Butler and C. T. Coles, Hon. Secs.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will take place at Great Holland (8 bells) on Saturday, October 1st. Bells will be available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.15. Will all those intending to be present please let me know as soon as possible and not later than September 29th?—R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Hotel, Wivenhoe.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Cathedral Church of St. Philip, Birmingham, on Saturday, October 1st. Ringing from 3.30 to 5 p.m., to be followed by tea. Full choral service at 6 p.m. Business meeting in Cathedral belfry afterwards. Further ringing to follow. Please notify regarding tea not later than 28th inst.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.



**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, October 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, October 1st, at Wellington. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Southern Division will be held at Maresfield on Saturday, October 1st. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.) allowed to members. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea, price 1s., 5 p.m. Buxted bells will be available after tea. Please inform me of your intention to be present before September 28th.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 70, Holingbury Park Avenue, Brighton 6.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Waterfoot, on Saturday, October 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. A short service will be held in church, after which the Vicar is arranging for tea to be provided (at moderate charge), followed by the usual short business meeting. It is hoped you will appreciate the privilege of again using these bells (after so long a period), and turn up, not forgetting to send your name in for tea to the Vicar, The Vicarage, Waterfoot, before Wednesday, September 28th.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Handsworth Church (8 bells) on Saturday, October 1st. For tea please notify Mr. J. Gilbert, 25a, St. Joseph's Road, Sheffield, 9. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield, 7.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Melksham on Saturday, October 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, for which a card would oblige.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., 584, Semington Road, Melksham.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly meeting of the West Norfolk Branch will be held at North Creake on Saturday, October 1st. South Creake bells also available.—W. J. Eldred, Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Rutland Branch.—The next meeting of the branch will be held at Exton on Saturday, October 1st. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Notify for tea to S. H. Towell, Hon. Sec., 17, King's Road, Oakham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at Bowness Parish Church on Saturday, October 1st. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m.—N. M. Newby, Dis. Sec., Brewery Mount, Ulverston.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will take place at Great Holland (8 bells) on Saturday, October 1st. Bells will be available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.15. Will all those intending to be present please let me know as soon as possible and not later than September 29th?—R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Hotel, Wivenhoe.

**HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A joint meeting with the Sussex County Association at Rye on October 1st (Saturday). Will members make a special effort, please? Also names for tea Tuesday previous to meeting will assist.—J. G. Powell, Hon. Sec., 2, Woodbury Road, Hawkhurst.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Ilkeston on Saturday, October 1st. Bells ready 2.30 till 6.30, owing to the Market being close to tower. Please come early and have some good ringing before the butchers get going. All ringers welcome.—E. C. Goby, Dis. Sec., Trowell, Notts.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cirencester Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Tetbury on Saturday, October 1st. Bells (8) open 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6 p.m. Please notify for tea by September 26th.—W. H. Hayward, 1, Bowling Green Road, Cirencester.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bridgwater Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at North Petherton on Saturday, October 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—C. Evans, 17, Wellington Road, Bridgwater.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District.—A meeting will be held at Beaconsfield (8 bells) on Saturday, October 1st. Bells available 3 o'clock, followed by tea (1s. 3d.) and business meeting at White Hart Hotel. Train from Marylebone 2.5 or Paddington 2.25. Green Line coaches (1.16 or 1.46) from Oxford Circus pass the church. Postcards for tea must be sent to Miss D. R. Fletcher, 11, Aylesbury End, Beaconsfield, not later than Tuesday, September 27th. Gentlemen very welcome, but it is hoped that ladies will not be in the minority at one of their own meetings!—I. R. Housden, Hon. Sec., 20, Fairwood Court, Fairlop Road, E.11.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton Branch.—Meeting at Tortworth, near Fafield, on Saturday, October 1st. Bells (6) open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting.—W. J. Smith, 130, Station Road, Yate, Bristol.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Arksey on Saturday, October 1st. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by Wednesday, September 28th. Look your 'Diagrams' up and let's see what we can do.—E. E. Cooper, Sec., 1, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, near Doncaster.

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**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Fulbourn on Saturday, October 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All welcome.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (Eastern Division) **AND HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Rye on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. (1s. per head). Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by Wednesday previous to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 13, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the Crewe Branch will be held at Acton (6 bells) on Saturday, October 1st. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me have word by September 28th?—Rich. D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Peterborough Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Peterborough (St. Mary's) on Saturday, October 1st. It is also a farewell meeting to Mr. J. J. Jutson, who is leaving the country for New Zealand. Usual arrangements.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Winchester District.—A special meeting will be held at Cheriton on Saturday, October 1st. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m., followed by tea at 4.30. Bells available at 2.30, also Titchborne. Please let us know if you are coming.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

**LAUNCESTON, ST. MARY'S, CORNWALL.**—The re-dedication of the bells will take place on Thursday, October 6th, at 7.30 p.m. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Truro. A recast ring of eight by John Taylor and Co.

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**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The seventeenth commemoration dinner will take place at Ye Olde Castle Restaurant, Exchange Street, Sheffield, on Saturday, October 8th, at 6 p.m. prompt. The bells of the Cathedral (12) and St. Marie's (R.C.) (8) will be available from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., and Ranmoor (10) from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Visitors may attempt a peal at Handsworth (8, tenor 12 cwt.), starting not later than 2 p.m., by applying to Mr. F. Watkinson, 8, Bramley Drive, Sheffield, 9. Tickets (4s. each) may be had from the divisional secretaries up to Tuesday, October 4th, or from Sidney F. Palmer, Local Sec., 4, Quarry Road, Totley, near Sheffield.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Overseale on Saturday, October 8th. (Please note alteration.) Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in School-room at 4.45 p.m. All ringers welcome. Postcards for tea to me by Thursday, October 6th.—J. W. Cotton, Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD** (South and West District), **GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (Chertsey District) **AND SURREY ASSOCIATION** (North-Western District).—A combined meeting of members of the above will be held at Kingston-on-Thames on Saturday, October 8th. Bells available 2.30 to 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church Hall at 4.45 p.m. Service 6 o'clock. Ringing again after service till 9 o'clock. Numbers for tea to be sent to Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey, by Wednesday, October 5th. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, F. E. Hawthorne, and F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Secs.

**NOTTINGHAM GOOSE FAIR,** October 8th.—St. Peter's tower (10 bells) will be open for ringing 5.30 to 8.30. All ringers welcome.

**HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION** (St. Albans District) **AND BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION** (Luton District).—A joint meeting will be held at Luton Parish Church on Saturday, October 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Don't forget Luton are playing at home, so come along. There will be everything from rounds to London Major.—H. V. Frost and F. J. Plummer, Dis. Secs.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The annual district meeting will be held at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday, October 8th. The district towers in union will be notified of details as usual.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Egerton.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ears Barton on Saturday, October 8th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 1s. each. Eight bells. Please send your cards to A. Bigley, Hon. Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Springfield on Saturday, October 18th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting after. Will all those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, October 5th?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—Preliminary Notice.—The next meeting will take place at Christ Church, Bootle, on Saturday, October 22nd, and not on the second Saturday in the month as is customary. Further particulars later.—G. R. Newton, Branch Sec.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. George E. Symonds has removed to 57, Mornington Avenue, Ipswich.

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