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A SIGN OF THE TIMES.

The fact that in the last three successive weeks we have been able to record that three ringers have reached an individual total of five hundred peals each is, we think, a sign of the times and one more indication of the growth of peal ringing. It is quite true that a considerable number of ringers have passed this total; perhaps nearly fifty in all, but that, within a few days, three more should top their fifth century is not a little significant. Peal ringing which reaches to these limits is no mere flash in the pan. Such a total means years of persistent effort, and if it is, by comparison, a lesser landmark in a man's ringing career than the four figure totals, it is, nevertheless, an achievement in which a ringer may justifiably take pride.

There are very few of the men who have rung five hundred peals who have given less than forty years' service to ringing, and in going over the names that come to mind one realises that they are among those who have not only filled their part as Sunday service ringers, but are among the most loyal and diligent in performing their duty to the Church. In this respect they are an example to many who, looking upon peal ringing as, often, a selfish hobby, are themselves lax and sometimes indifferent to the demands of service ringing. The enthusiasm which has prompted the long and consistent devotion to peal ringing has led to an equally consistent devotion to the other object of church bell ringing.

But these big peal totals represent something else besides the enthusiasm of the individuals. They mark the increasing facilities for the art, both in the rings of bells that can be used for the purpose and in means of access to them; they mark, too, the spread of method ringing and, we think, a greater general knowledge of the art in these days compared with a generation ago. And this is going rapidly on. There are young men to-day coming up hand over fist with their peal records and doing things in three or four years which took their grandfathers a lifetime. Some of these members of the new generation are racing towards their five hundredth peal. We hope, as they do so, they will remember that much of their success is due to those who have gone before, to the encouragement they have received and the facilities that have been made for them.

In a somewhat similar connection a few weeks ago we mentioned that a peal, in the early days of some of the older men amongst us, was a real triumph. A success was hard earned, and we rather doubt whether in the welter of peals rung to-day quite the same satisfaction is to be obtained as was the case in a peal rung forty or

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fifty years ago. Numerical progress was much slower then for the individual. The prowess of the younger generation in peal ringing is, of course, a matter of congratulation; it betokens well for the future, but it is not out of place to remember the struggles of the past. Compare, for instance, the sixty or more peals rung last year by more than one of the younger generation, or the three hundred rung by a young man barely twenty, with the lifelong work of some bygone ringers. James Barham, probably the greatest peal ringer of his day, took forty-nine years to ring 111 peals; Henry Haley, one of London's leading ringers in the middle of last century, was forty-three years ringing 182 peals, while the great Henry Johnson, of Birmingham, was fifty-four years in scoring about a hundred and fifty peals. Times have changed and vastly so, but we sometimes wonder whether we give all the credit that is due to the men who, in the past, laid the foundations upon which the successes of to-day are built.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 19, 1939, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

ALFRED H. PULLING Treble	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 7
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	HAROLD G. JENNEY 8
MRS. H. J. POOLE 3	JOHN H. B. HESSE 9
HARRY BROUGHTON 4	C. FERGUSON HOWITT ... 10
HARRY G. WAYNE 5	ARNOLD BRUNTON 11
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 6	JOHN T. GRANT Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by A. BRUNTON.
400th peal by Fred H. Dexter.

TEN BELL PEALS.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 16, 1939, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS Treble	ARTHUR PRITCHARD 6
JOHN PERRY 2	BARNABAS G. KEY 7
E. DENNIS POOLE 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 8
NORMAN G. LEECH 4	WALTER LAGO 9
RICHARD J. WARRILLOW ... 5	*EDWARD W. VAUGHAN ... Tenor

Composed by G. HAYWARD. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
* First peal on ten bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of the late John Overton, of Bridgnorth, and of Edward Howell, 50 years a sidesman at Coalbrookdale Church.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.On Saturday, August 19, 1939, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

GILBERT T. GUEST Treble	HAROLD SHUCK 6
JOHN GOODMAN 2	HENRY HUBBALL 7
GEORGE HUGHES 3	NORMAN G. LEECH 8
HERBERT SHEPPARD 4	WALTER FARLEY 9
WILLIAM SAUNDERS 5	THOMAS H. JUSTICE Tenor

Composed by WM. MICKLEWRIGHT. Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Betty Guest, daughter of the ringer of the treble.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 12, 1939, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... Treble	ROBERT RICHES 5
*ERNEST A. HEAD 2	FREDERICK W. MUNNINGS ... 6
ERNEST WHITING 3	*EDWARD L. ETHERIDGE ... 7
STANLEY W. COPLING ... 4	CHARLES W. LOOME ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by C. W. LOOME.

* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to E. A. Head.

CREDITON, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, August 12, 1939, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes

At the Collegiate Church of the Holy Cross,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM H. HOWE ... Treble	HORACE M. BOTT 5
JOHN ARBURY 2	CHARLES J. TURNER 6
CHARLES R. LILLEY 3	ARTHUR TREMAN 7
JAMES E. LILLEY 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

The first peal of Major on the bells.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 12, 1939, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas, Moorside,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

STEPHEN L. PARRY ... Treble	*HARRY BYROM 5
HAROLD HAMER 2	*SELWYN H. DEARDEN ... 6
FRANK REYNOLDS 3	ALBERT BUCKLEY 7
JOHN MEADOWCROFT, JUN. ... 4	IVAN KAY Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by F. REYNOLDS.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Fred Pollitt.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 12, 1939, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*CHRISTOPHER JAGGARD ... Treble	PERCY GREEN 5
*NORMAN F. GRINHAM 2	ARTHUR H. EVERETT 6
THOMAS LINCOLN 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
*JOHN M. GAYFORD 4	ALBERT WIFFEN Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

* First peal in the method.

RIPPONDEN, YORKS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 13, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART,

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN MEADOWCROFT, JUN. ... Treble	HAROLD HAMER 5
FRANK RHODES 2	DENNIS HOLLOS 6
SELWYN H. DEARDEN 3	IVAN KAY 7
HARRY BYROM 4	*HAROLD STANLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by IVAN KAY.

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

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, August 14, 1939, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

JOHN HALL ... Treble	GEORGE WATERMAN 5
ALFRED H. WATSON 2	HARRY HALL 6
DAISY M. ANDREWS 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY 7
SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... 4	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER

A birthday peal for U. W. Wildney and his 100th peal.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 14, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Luke,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN E. LYDDIARD ... Treble	PERCY J. SPICE 5
*HAROLD S. BLACKETT ... 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
MISS HILDA OAKSHETT ... 3	EDMUND MOUNTER 7
FREDERICK E. PITMAN ... 4	JIM HURRELL Tenor

Conducted by J. BENNETT.

* First peal in the method. Quickest peal on the bells. Specially arranged as a compliment to the ringer of the 7th on the eve of the 40th anniversary of his wedding day.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 15, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edward,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER ... Treble	FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... 5
MRS. F. W. HOUSDEN ... 2	ERNEST W. PYE 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by J. BENNETT.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 15, 1939, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

WILLIAM HENLEY ... Treble	CORNELIUS CHARGE 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 2	*WALTER W. PHIPPS ... 6
WILLIAM WELLING 3	NORMAN V. HARDING ... 7
JAMES A. GLASS 4	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

Conducted by WM. BIRMINGHAM

* First peal of Major.

SCUNTHORPE, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 15, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

FRED LACEY ... Treble	*PHILIP BARNES 5
MRS. J. BRAY 2	GEORGE W. MOODY 6
FRANK LORD 3	JACK BRAY 7
ERNEST BRITAIN 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

ROBIN HOOD'S BAY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 16, 1939, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Stephen, Fylingsdale,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

GEORGE F. ALEXANDER ... Treble	GEORGE ROBINSON 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 6
WALTER H. DOBBIE 3	LEONARD DRAKE 7
ARTHUR ARMITAGE 4	RONALD H. DOVE Tenor

Composed by O. LANG.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

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On Thursday, August 17, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF SPICED LONDON, BRISTOL, SUPERLATIVE & CAMBRIDGE
SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANCIS A. SMITH Treble	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 5
HENRY HODGETTS 2	CECIL C. MAYNE 6
STEPHEN H. HOARE 3	EDWIN JENNINGS 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.
The peal consisted of 2,240 London, 1,664 Bristol and 576 each of
Superlative and Cambridge, with 115 changes of method.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 17, 1939, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*JOHN AUSTIN Treble	ERNEST NEWSON 5
EDWIN R. GOATE 2	†PETER KINDRED 6
MISS KATHLEEN LEWIS ... 3	RICHARD W. R. COATES ... 7
MISS DOROTHY CONSTANCE 4	C. FREDERICK SAYER ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by E. R. GOATE.
* First peal. † First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.'

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 17, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*JOHN E. CLARKE Treble	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5
CHARLES MARSHALL 2	ERNEST MORRIS 6
ALFRED BALLARD 3	WILLIAM BOTTRILL 7
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON... 4	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal in the method.

CLIFFE-AT-HOO, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 19, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

HERBERT A. HOLDEN Treble	EDWIN A. BARNETT 5
JAMES BENNETT 2	FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... 6
MRS. F. W. HOUSDEN... .. 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 7
HARRY HOVERD 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.
First peal in the method on the bells.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 19, 1939, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART (No. 13 C.C.C.).

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.

GEORGE E. LARGE Treble	RAYMOND C. SAYERS 5
ERNEST WILSON 2	ERNEST F. COBBERLEY ... 6
DENNIS R. SAYERS 3	REGINALD WOODYATT... .. 7
HORACE HOUGH 4	FREDERICK G. YATES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 19, 1939, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Deanery Church,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

H. WALTER SMITH Treble	FRANK CLAYDON 5
MISS HILDA G. SNOWDEN ... 2	RONALD SUCKLING 6
REGINALD MARTIN 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 4	BASIL REDGWELL... .. Tenor

Composed by T. HAIGH. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.
First peal in the method as conductor.

GREAT TEW, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 19, 1939, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 22 cwt. 0 qr. 10 lb. in D.

HARRY C. JONES Treble	ROLAND BIGGS 5
JAMES W. WILKINS 2	*LEONARD CLIFTON 6
WILLIAM J. CROSS 3	PERCY NEWTON 7
ARTHUR G. JAMES 4	WALTER LEE Tenor

Conducted by PERCY NEWTON.

* First peal 'inside.'

HOLLESLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. Mary-le-Tower Society.)

On Saturday, August 19, 1939, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... Treble	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 5
HOBART E. SMITH 2	FRANK L. FISHER 6
GEORGE A. FLEMING 3	*PHILIP C. BICKNELL ... 7
SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... 4	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

MITCHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 19, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

DAVID WRIGHT Treble	CHARLES POTTSBURY 5
WILLIAM H. JOINER 2	EDGAR HANCOCK 6
EDWIN L. MILES 3	WILLIAM S. SMITH 7
PERCY E. JONES 4	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD... Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR HANCOCK.

Rung as a farewell peal to W. H. Joiner.

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On Thursday, August 3, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single
Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

EDWARD BARKER Treble	WALLACE COUSINS 4
LEWIS BUSH 2	CLAUDE COUSINS 5
WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 3	TONY PRICE Tenor

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 10, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of one extent each of London, York, Cambridge and Norwich Surprise, Double Court, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. in E.

GEORGE A. ANDREWS	Treble	CHARLES A. ANDREWS	4
ALFRED PRIOR	2	HARRY J. MILLATT	5
RONALD SUCKLING	3	ALAN R. ANDREWS	Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

GLASTON, RUTLAND.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 12, 1939, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

G. KING	Treble	S. TOWELL	4
S. MILLS	2	G. PEPPERDAY	5
F. TOWELL	3	T. SCOTT	Tenor

Conducted by G. PEPPERDAY.

PERLETHORPE, NOTTS.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 12, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Court Bob, Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

*FREDERICK FLINT	Treble	*ARTHUR E. CHILTON	4
*GEORGE E. FOSTER	2	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY	5
HAROLD DENMAN	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE	Tenor

Conducted by H. T. ROOKE.

* First peal in seven methods. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Alice Chilton.

SNAITH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 12, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and two extents of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*LESLIE WOODHEAD	Treble	MRS. E. BRADLEY	4
ROBERT H. VIGOR	2	HORACE S. MORLEY	5
FRED TERRY	3	EDWARD BRADLEY	Tenor

Conducted by E. BRADLEY.

* First peal of Minor.

ALLENMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 12, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

W. HENRY YOUNG	Treble	TRACEY H. YOUNG	4
JAMES TAYLOR	2	A. JAMES YOUNG	5
REV. C. G. LITTLEHALES	3	ARTHUR J. HARRIS	Tenor

Conducted by T. H. YOUNG.

Rung half-muffled as a token of the very deepest respect to the late Alfred T. Kitson.

PUBLOW, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 13, 1939, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores in ten callings. Tenor 21½ cwt.

FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	Treble	LESLIE B. COLES	4
RONALD W. TREASURE	2	WILLIAM WEBB	5
LEONARD S. COLES	3	EDWARD GILL	Tenor

Conducted by F. C. MOGFORD.

Rung as a wedding peal for the conductor and Miss Susan Ellen Drake, of Aber, South Wales, who were married at this church on August 7th.

GREAT DODDINGTON, NORTHANTS.

On Thursday, August 17, 1939, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different 120's and 16 variations of A. J. Pitman's 240's. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*MISS EVA SCARR	Treble	*CHARLES W. PARTRIDGE	3
ARTHUR REEDER	2	GEORGE BRAFIELD	4
		WILLIAM G. CALLIS	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM G. CALLIS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

GREAT EASTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 19, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, three of Oxford Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob.

JOSEPH C. JENNINGS	Treble	RICHARD PORTWAY	4
*MISS L. MAY MILLER	2	DOUGLAS JENNINGS	5
DONALD JENNINGS	3	GEORGE SAUNDERS	Tenor

Conducted by J. C. JENNINGS.

* First peal in four methods.

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On Saturday, August 12, 1939, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5162 CHANGES;

MRS. J. BRAY	1-2	WALTER AYRE	5-6
JACK BRAY	3-4	PHILIP BARNES	7-8

Composed by J. REEVES (adapted). Conducted by WALTER AYRE

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 16, 1939, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5030 CHANGES;

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

Composed by W. ROYLE. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* 100th peal 'in hand' as conductor.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 18, 1939, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

MRS. J. BRAY	1-2	JACK BRAY	5-6
WALTER AYRE	3-4	ERNEST BRITAIN	7-8

Conducted by J. BRAY.

WEDDING OF NORTHAMPTONSHIRE RINGERS.

BRIDE A MEMBER OF WALGRAVE LADIES' BAND.

Both church bellringers, Mr. Herbert John Simons, only son of Mr. and Mrs. John Simons, of Moulton, and Miss Jessie Evelyn Walden, fifth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walden, of Wold Road, Walgrave, were married at Walgrave Church on July 29th.

The bride is a member of the women's bellringing team at Walgrave, and the bridegroom a ringer at St. Edmund's Church, Northampton, and at Moulton Church. The bride is also a member of the choir and the Girls' Friendly Society at Walgrave.

The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. A. T. Segger (Rector).

Given away by her father, the bride wore a rose pink cloque gown with a pink tulle veil, held in place by a headdress of mother-of-pearl leaves. She carried a bouquet of pink tea roses.

Miss Nellie Walden (sister of the bride), Miss Lily Simons (sister of the bridegroom) and Miss Vera Addington (friend of the bride) were the bridesmaids. Mr. Robert Mottman acted as best man.

As the Walgrave ringers were busy, either in connection with the ceremony or in the subsequent festivities, a team from the Northampton Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild came to do the honours on the bells. They were Messrs. Joe Dean, Tom Tebbutt, George Valentine, George Freeman and Tom Law.

A HOLIDAY 'BAG.'

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 5, 1939, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

EDITH K. FLETCHER Treble	STEPHEN H. WOOD 5
NORAH G. WILLIAMS 2	CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER ... 6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3	GEORGE W. FLETCHER 7
* ERNEST J. TAYLOR 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composition C.C. Collection No. 40.

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

* 50th peal.

SHERBORNE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 7, 1939, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 46 cwt. 0 qr. 5 lb.

EDITH K. FLETCHER Treble	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 5
CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER 2	STEPHEN H. WOOD 6
* HERBERT KNIGHT 3	GEORGE W. FLETCHER 7
ERNEST J. TAYLOR 4	ALBERT LAWRENCE Tenor

Conducted by EDITH K. FLETCHER.

* 500th peal.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 10, 1939, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 40 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER ... Treble	EDMUND BARRINGTON 6
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	ALBERT LAWRENCE 7
FRANK W. PERRENS 3	SIDNEY A. RICKETTS 8
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE 9
TREVOR MARES 5	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES.

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

HANDBELL PEAL.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 10, 1939, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE THREE CHOUGHs HOTEL.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

EDITH K. FLETCHER 1-2	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 5-6
FRANK W. PERRENS 3-4	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7-8

Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

Witnessed by the other members of the party.

BEAMINSTER, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 11, 1939, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

ALBERT LAWRENCE Treble	HERBERT KNIGHT 5
EDITH K. FLETCHER 2	CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER ... 6
FRANK W. PERRENS 3	GEORGE W. FLETCHER 7
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE

'NORTHCHURCH' IS 'LESSNESS.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am informed that the method rung as 'Northchurch Surprise' on February 11th last was, in fact, 'Lessness Surprise,' first rung at Erith on February 22nd, 1937.

The footnote should, therefore, read 'First peal in the method on the bells, by all the band and by the association.'

Watford.

H. G. CASHMORE.

PEAL NOTES.**MR. HERBERT KNIGHT REACHES FIVE HUNDRED PEALS.**

Another well-known ringer has scored his five hundredth peal. By a coincidence, Mr. Herbert Knight, of Wolverhampton, hon. secretary for more than thirty years of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford reached this total on the same day as his old ringing friend, Mr. Albert Walker, of Birmingham. Mr. Knight rang his five hundredth peal at Sherborne Abbey on August Bank Holiday, when he took part in a peal of Stedman Triples rung during a holiday ringing week in Somerset and Dorset.



MR. HERBERT KNIGHT.

Mr. Knight is a Devon man, but his ringing career began in Somerset, for he was taught to pull a bell at Highbridge in 1889. He followed up the art when he removed to Wolverhampton and rang his first peal on December 1st, 1894, at St. Peter's Collegiate Church, to which he has been attached ever since and where he has been leader for more than 30 years.

Among the interesting performances included in Mr. Knight's 500 peals are 7,019 Grandsire Caters at Wolverhampton in 1897 and 11,563 Grandsire Caters in the same tower in 1899. He took part in 1909 at Wednesbury in the first peal of Double Oxford Bob Royal, and at Christ Church, West Bromwich, in 1911, in the first peal of Erin Cinques. In 1930 he rang in a strictly non-conducted peal of Stedman Triples at Brewood, Staffs.

Mr. Knight is one of the very few people to call a peal blindfolded, in fact he was the first to do so on tower bells.

On October 12th, 1907, with his eyes bandaged, he conducted Thurstans' one-part peal of Stedman Triples at St. Luke's Church, Wolverhampton. Mr. Knight has conducted peals of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques, and Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus. He has also rung peals of Cambridge Surprise from Minor to Maximus.

NEARING A DOUBLE.

Another interesting 'double' may shortly materialise. Both Mr. C. T. Coles, hon. secretary of the Middlesex Association, and Mr. James Bennett are nearing one thousand peals. They are within the last two or three, with Mr. Coles about one ahead. It is not a race, but a question of fitting in the peals so that they may ring their 1,000th together. Their most recent successes are recorded in our peal columns this week.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at South Wigston, Leicestershire, on August 17th, was specially arranged for Mr. William Bottrill, who was paying a flying visit to his home town.

Mr. George E. Large rang his fiftieth peal as conductor for the Worcestershire Association on Saturday at Hanbury. It was also his fiftieth peal with Mr. B. Woodyatt. Oxford Bob Triples was rung after an abortive attempt for Mr. John Carter's method, Darlaston Bob Triples, which just would not go.

The peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Cliffe-at-Hoo, Kent, on Saturday, the first in the method on the bells, was rung to a new composition by E. A. Barnett:—

	M	W		M	W
23456			43526		
52436			25634	—	—
			32654	—	—
34625	A	—	62453	—	—
64523	—	—	54326	—	—
25346	—	—	34256	A	(four courses)
42356	—	—	53246	—	—
32546	A	(four courses)	23456	A	(four courses)

The first peal of Double Norwich on the bells at Hollesley, Suffolk, was rung on Saturday. It was the first attempt for a peal in the method by Philip Bicknell.

Mr. William H. Joiner, after 32 years' connection with Mitcham, Surrey, is leaving the district. Last Saturday a farewell peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Peter and Paul's Church, in which Mr. Joiner took part with some of his old friends.

The bells of Coalbrookdale, Salop, were rung half-muffled to a peal of Grandsire Caters on August 16th as a tribute to the memory of both Mr. John Overton, the Bridgnorth veteran, and Mr. Edward Howell, who was for 50 years a sidesman at Coalbrookdale Church.

A peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, rung at Framlingham, Suffolk, on August 14th, was arranged for the birthday of Mr. Urban Wildney, of Kirby-le-Soken, Essex, and was also his one hundredth peal. His peals have been rung in 40 towers with 114 ringers.

Miss Sylvia Bowyer, the conductor of the peal, is the first lady to call a peal at Framlingham.

A UNIQUE COMPOSITION.

Mr. Fred H. Dexter, of Leicester, rang his 400th peal on Saturday and 'dished up' something unique in the way of a composition of Stedman Cinques (called by Arnold Brunton) for the occasion.

Three Guildfordians were in the peal, and Mr. Alfred Pulling had the great pleasure of again ringing a peal with Mrs. H. J. Poole, their last together having been rung 19 years ago.

Mr. Fred Dexter's composition of 5,280 is as follows:—

2314567890x	4	5	6	7	16	17	18	19
31542768x90	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
143526	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
432517	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
354216	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
541237	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
425136	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
253147	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
512346	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
124357	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
124356	—	—	S	—	—	S	—	S

Three times repeated. First course of first part only opens with Bob 1. In the last course of the peal add S10 S13 Bob 22.

Mr. Alfred T. Kitson, aptly described as one of Nature's gentlemen, who was for 50 years a ringer at Allensmore, Herefordshire, has recently passed away. A peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung half-muffled on the bells of his Parish Church on August 12th as a last tribute of deep respect to his memory.

The 5,056 of Bob Major at Old Windsor on August 15th was a peal by Mr. Cornelius Charge, which he composed in the Queen's Street, Auckland, Branch of the Bank of New Zealand in 1936. It had not been rung before and it was fitting that the composer should take part in it on his return to the mother country.

The composition is one of those four-part peals with two Befores and one Middle in each part. Mr. Charge composed one on similar lines in 1901—a long gap.

Mr. W. H. Fussell, who has made a welcome return to peal ringing after his long enforced absence, scored his 1,150th peal on this occasion.

As a coming-of-age compliment to Miss Alice Chilton, sister of one of the ringers, a peal in seven Minor methods was rung at Perlethorpe, Notts, on August 12th.

THE 'SPICE' OF FAILURES.

A peal of Cambridge Major at Scunthorpe and three peals on hand-bells at Burton-on-Stather were part of Mr. Walter Ayre's holiday last week in Lincolnshire. In the course of them he rang his 190th peal 'in hand' as conductor and his 175th peal for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

A frayed rope put 'paid' to Little Bob Major at Barton on the 10th, a shift course occurred in the same method on Sunday, and an extra bob in St. Clement's on Monday added 'spice' to the week.

A peal of Spliced Surprise in four methods at Bushey on August 17th was Messrs. H. G. Cashmore and E. Jennings' 50th peal together.

Three ringers scored their first peal, one of them, Miss Eva Scarr, at the first attempt, at Great Doddington, Northants, on August 17th. It was also Mr. W. G. Callis' first peal as conductor. Great Doddington Church has five bells, and Grandsire Doubles, in six-scores and Pitman's 240's, were rung.

The first peal of Major on the bells at Crediton, Devon, where the tenor is 27 cwt., was rung on August 12th. Change ringing at Crediton is no easy matter, the ropes are wide apart and four of them hang in a straight line. The peal was arranged for Mr. A. P. Cannon, and the band were indebted to Mr. J. E. Lilley, who, having come to hear the peal, was pressed into service owing to one of the selected band not arriving in time. Local ringers who heard the peal congratulated the band on the excellent striking.

A KENT ASSOCIATION JUBILEE.

THE FIRST PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

A peal of Stedman Triples was attempted at Crayford on August 17th on the 50th anniversary of the first in the method for the Kent County Association, at the same tower, but was unfortunately lost. The ringers were T. Groombridge, sen. 1, H. Gibbs 2, D. M. Sharp 3, A. S. Richards 4, H. E. Audsley 5, G. V. Murphy 6, E. Barnett 7, H. A. Holden 8.

The ringer of the second, Mr. Harry Gibbs, who now lives at Brede, Sussex, rang the tenor to the original peal, which was his first. Mr. Challis Winney is the only other survivor of the band.

The Kent Association had been established nine years before this first peal of Stedman Triples was rung for it. It was called by the late Mr. F. G. Newman.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

After being closed about two months for restoration, the tower of St. Thomas' Church, Keresley, Coventry, is open again for the usual Sunday service ringing and practice on Monday evenings. Bell founders have been invited to tender for a new treble to complete the peal of six, the ringers having already raised about £40 towards the cost.

The first time Holt's Original was ever called by one of the ringers taking part in the peal was on August 22nd, 1752, at St. Michael-at-Coslany, Norwich. Exactly two months later the same band rang it at St. Giles', Norwich, the conductor on both occasions being William Dixon.

Henry Hubbard, who afterwards went to live in Leeds and who was the author of one of the ringing text books published about the middle of last century, was born at Norwich on August 25th, 1807.

Another Norwich anniversary which occurs next week is that of the first true peal of Grandsire Triples, which was rung at St. Peter Mancroft on August 26th, 1718.

Benjamin Annable called the first peal on the bells at St. George's, Southwark, a peal of Bob Major, on August 27th, 1750.

HALESWORTH BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Having been asked to correct my reference to the casting of some of these bells, may I amplify my former letter?

William Brend (not Brent) and John, his son, were casting bells at Norwich early in the seventh century. Raven's list dates from 1602 to 1640. In 1611 they cast the Halesworth seventh. This was the year in which Thomas Fella was elected churchwarden and started his book. He must have had something to do with them, and one of them may have written these changes in the book before anything else was therein inscribed; this would account for the figures being on the first page. In 1624 they cast the tenor; the date is on the bell, so that Raven, who on page 114 gives another date, cannot be correct. In 1627 they cast the fifth.

In 1621, the date written inside Fella's book, they were at work at Bramfield nearby, casting the two trebles, apparently in place of a cracked tenor. They may have come over to Halesworth and written out these figures and started the ringers, then a well-established band, in ringing them; this pioneer work leading, as it so often does, to the new orders being given to them, as I have already related.

HERBERT DRAKE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

REVIVED CHESTERFIELD DISTRICT.

A meeting of the revived Chesterfield District of the Midland Counties Association was held at Eckington on Saturday and was most successful from every point of view, members being present from many towers, including Sheffield Cathedral, Preston, Ecclesfield, Handsworth, Clowne, Staveley, Chesterfield, Old Whittington and local company. The presence of a number of 'out-county' members was greatly appreciated and added to the success of the meeting.

A short service was held by the Rector (the Rev. A. C. Nugee), assisted by his curate (the Rev. Robinson). After an address of welcome by the Rector, the whole company adjourned to the Church Hall for a splendidly served tea, followed by a business meeting. The Rev. A. C. Nugee presided, supported by the district chairman, Mr. W. Palmer.

A very interesting discussion took place with regard to the advisability of drawing up a 'rotu' of meetings at various towers throughout the year, and after Mr. George Lewis (Ecclesfield) had made several suggestions, it was decided to appoint the committee to act accordingly.

A letter published in 'The Ringing World' by the Vicar of Chesterfield a few weeks ago with regard to Chesterfield bells was discussed, and Mr. S. Palmer (Sheffield) gave his recollections of the matter as dealt with by the Central Council. Mr. Palmer stated that the likelihood of the bells being put in going order in two or three years' time was rather more favourable than had been apparent for some time.

It was agreed that, whilst the district could not at the moment make any move, the Vicar of Chesterfield could look to the district for support in any future action which might be taken.

At his own request, the Rector of Eckington was elected an hon. member, and two new ringing members were elected, viz., Messrs. D. Culling and W. Marriott, both of Old Whittington.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells and to the ladies for providing a splendid tea.

The next meeting was arranged to be held at Clowne on Saturday, October 21st.

After the meeting was declared closed, many members accepted the Rector's invitation to look round the garden and grounds and to try his handbells, whilst others returned to the belfry for further ringing.

The ringing during the day varied from rounds (several having their first pull on eight and enjoying it) to Cambridge via Bob Minor, Double Norwich, Bob Major, Stedman and Superlative.

The bells were lowered in peal at the end of a splendid day, which gave the newly re-formed Chesterfield District a thoroughly good send-off.

ANCIENT CUSTOMS.

MR. TROLLOPE QUOTES AUTHORITIES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am afraid I cannot accept Mr. Drake's corrections and perhaps you will allow me to say a word or two about some of the more interesting points he raises.

Mr. Drake doubts my statement that 'in some cases at an obit the ringing seems to have lasted off and on all the day' and that 'it was the usual thing to send the ringers bread and beer, which they consumed in the belfry.' I formed my conclusions from quite a number of statements and hints in contemporary writings and church accounts. Here are one or two typical instances:—

Bishop Grandison, of Exeter, tried to stop long ringing on the grounds that it did no good to the dead, it annoyed the living and it wore out the fittings of the bells.

Martin Bucer, a learned foreigner, who lived for some years at Cambridge and died there in 1551, in a book on the Church of England, refers to the 'custom still kept up by superstitious men and foolish boys that carry the ringers beer and ale to drink,' and says that 'it is against all reason to ring all the day time and all the night too.'

In the churchwardens' accounts of St. Mary-at-Hill, London, there is a record of payment to a woman for carrying beer to the ringers.

The number of ringers' jugs, dating from the seventeenth century, which still exist shows that at that time it was usual for ringers to have refreshment in the belfry, and I know of nothing to make me believe that the custom in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries was any different, or that religious and sober-minded men either before the Reformation or after saw anything amiss in the practice.

Mr. Drake asks whether there is any reason to suppose that before change ringing was started the bells were rung for any other purposes than before requiems, at the Consecration, for Dirige and for Placebo.

The answer emphatically is 'Yes.' There was plenty of ringing for secular purposes, and even, I have good reason to believe, for 'pleasure,' i.e., as a sport. In addition the bells were rung because there was a general belief that the ringing in some way benefited the souls in purgatory. Hence all the ringing at obits and funerals and the special bequests of money for the purpose. (It was not muffled ringing or tolling, but ordinary ringing.) Hence, too, the bells were rung all night on All Hallows' Eve 'for all crystyn souls.'

In the Liberate Rolls in the Public Record Office, under the date March 26th, 1246, is this entry: 'To Edward the king's clerk 32s. to feed the friar preachers and the friars minors of London, and 10s. 6d. for celebrating divine service and pealing the bells in the churches of London. All for the soul of the same queen' (Joan, the King's sister, formerly Queen of Scotland).

Another custom done to benefit the dead was the burning of many candles. It was a custom which lasted for many centuries, and even to-day it is quite the usual thing for people to place at night a lighted candle on the coffin of an unburied person.

Mr. Drake objects to my classing together the ringing of bells and the burning of lights at obits, but the two customs were closely parallel. Both, I suspect, were really survivals of pagan beliefs and customs which had come down from remote antiquity and which Christianity had never really overcome nor assimilated.

The two customs were coupled together by John Wyclif writing in 1380: 'To make solempnyte with dirige & messis & wax & ringynge.' Also in the will of Bartholomew James, a London citizen, who in 1477 left property to the parish of St. Dunstan-in-the-East on condition that an obit or anniversary for him and his two wives should be kept 'honestly as it ought to be done, solemnly by note, by the Priests and Clerks of the said Church with wax to be had and spent about the same, ringing of Bells and all other things that belong to the same.'

The number of ministers who assisted at these requiems varied, of course, according to the size of the endowment, but there was no lack of them. Quite a large number of men in priest's orders got their living entirely by assisting at these endowed masses for the dead. They were called chanting priests.

Mr. Drake's statement that no one rang rounds or call-changes till after change ringing was attempted is contrary to fact and reason. Change ringing was not introduced until the seventeenth century, but long before that bells in England were rung in a regular and orderly manner, and the promiscuous clashing, which is still done on the Continent, would not have been tolerated here. Shakespeare's well-known comparison of a disordered mind to 'sweet bells jangled' shows quite clearly that the average theatre-going Londoner knew the difference between good striking and bad.

It should not be necessary to remind Mr. Drake that what he saw in Brittany in the twentieth century is no evidence of what went on in England in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries.

It is not historically true that 'when change ringing was well established and there were several rings of bells in a town, a company or society of ringers would be formed and they would be responsible for the ringing in a certain number of towers.'

It is probably true to say that no society was ever responsible for the ringing in any tower. At least I have never found one that was, nor any indication of such a thing. The responsibility, both in pre-Reformation times and after, down to fairly recent times, rested with

the parish clerk, and he employed whom he would. The ringers were never at any time part of the ordinary organisation of a parish, nor do the parish authorities (clergy and churchwardens) seem ever to have had direct relations with them. Most of the ringing societies rang for their own pleasure and amusement and did not exist for the purpose of doing any church or parochial ringing.

Of course, there were a lot of supposed rights and vested interests which grew up in the course of years, and the parish clerk was usually in touch with a particular band, of whom he himself probably was one. It is futile of Mr. Drake to speculate as to what a parish clerk would do nowadays, because nowadays there are no parish clerks and have not been for a good many years.

I do not quite see what object Mr. Drake can have in trying to make out that the 'Tintinnalogia' is something different from what it professes to be. The book was printed and published in 1668 as the work of an anonymous writer who called himself 'a Lover of that Art.' He set out to explain the whole of ringing as it was practised in his day, and he brilliantly succeeded. The writing is of a very high literary quality which is maintained throughout, and why Mr. Drake should hold that there were two writers because the first half deals with Plain Changes and the second half with Cross Peals passes the wit of man to understand.

Actually we know from contemporary sources that the book was written out by Richard Duckworth, an Oxford University man.

I know no more about the Halesworth endowment than has been made public property, but I should be very much surprised indeed if anyone benefits to-day from the money left in 1539 by William Wallpole. All such bequests were sequestrated by Act of Parliament in 1547, and there is the additional question whether he actually did leave any money for the benefit of future generations. According to Mr. Frederick Lambert's book, the clause in the will reads, 'My Executors to bestow at my burial day among the priests, clerks, poor people, and the ringers, with their bread and drink to value 26/8.' To provide gifts to be distributed on the day of the funeral and to endow ringers permanently are two quite different things. It may be that some other and later bequest has been confused with this one.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

BRISTOL RINGER MARRIED

CONDUCTS HIS OWN WEDDING PEAL.

At Publow, Somerset, on August Bank Holiday, Mr. Francis Cecil Mogford, of Pensford, a member of the band of St. Stephen's, Bristol, and also of Publow, was married to Miss Susan Ellen Drake, of Aber, South Wales.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. F. W. Thomas, of Hengrove, and the bride, who was given away by her father, wore a two-piece suit of blue French crepe and carried a bouquet of white roses. The bridesmaids (the Misses Phyllis and Edith Cann, of Bristol) were attired in blue crepe-de-chine and their bouquets were of pink sweet peas. The best man was Mr. Leslie Coles and the groomsmen Mr. Leonard Coles and Mr. Reg Mogford.

The bells rang out merrily as the happy couple left the church and later a number of ringers attended the reception at the house of the bridegroom. The many wedding presents included 'an eight-day striking clock from the Vicar and ringers of Publow, and a carving set from the society at St. Stephen's, Bristol.

A wedding peal of Stedman Caters was rung at St. Stephen's on the following day, and the bridegroom himself conducted another peal in celebration of the occasion at Publow on Sunday, August 13th. In this peal, which was of Grand sire Doubles, the best man and one of the groomsmen also took part. It enabled the conductor to 'complete the circle' to peals in this tower.

HOLIDAY MEETING AT RETFORD.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY AND NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION JOIN FORCES.

Bank Holiday was the occasion of the first joint meeting of the Sheffield District Society and the North Notts Association at Retford. Nearly 50 ringers were present and the bells of East Retford (10), West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6) were kept going during the afternoon and evening. The striking was of a fairly good standard and most of the touches were successfully brought round.

After tea in the hall adjoining East Retford Church, the Vicar (the Rev. D. James) welcomed the ringers to Retford. He regretted that he knew little about their art, although, he explained somewhat humorously, that was being remedied. He was certain that those present who knew all about it would enjoy themselves.

Mr. C. Haynes, president of the Sheffield Society, proposed votes of thanks to the various clergy for the use of the bells, to those who had arranged the meeting and to the ladies who had prepared tea.

It may be mentioned in passing that the catering arrangements stood up well to the extra pressure of numbers, which could not be anticipated.

Mr. R. Towler extended a welcome from the North Notts Association to the visiting society. He hoped that on some future occasion the visit could be returned in a joint meeting at Sheffield.

Ringing continued after tea until about 8.30, when the company broke up after a very enjoyable day.

NORWICH.

ITS BELLS AND RINGERS IN EARLY TIMES

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Although during the seventeenth century we have not a single reference to any change ringing or to any ringing society in Norwich, we cannot doubt that the city was one of the earliest places where the art was practised and where it was developed most rapidly. For, when the curtain does rise on the scene, we find a company of ringers inferior to none in the country and superior to any outside the Metropolitan area.

From early times Norwich had many bells. The city was larger than any other in England (Bristol had a larger population, but not, I believe, so great an area) except London, and when, at the close of the fifteenth century, Norfolk became the manufacturing district of England and a wave of prosperity overtook Norwich, most of its 40 parish churches were rebuilt in the then fashionable Perpendicular style. Naturally they vary considerably in size and quality. Some are small; for the sites were restricted and the parishes comparatively



ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, NORWICH.

poor. But many are large and splendid, and St. Peter Mancroft is one of the finest parish churches in the world. So far as we can judge not one of the London parish churches equalled it and it has few superiors in other towns.

There was bell founding in the city from early times. The first known founder was a man Willemus de Norwyco, who cast the bell at Hellesdon towards the end of the fourteenth century, and he was followed by John Sutton, Thomas Potter, Richard Baxter and the Braziers. It was becoming the fashion to increase the number of bells in parish churches and these men were kept busy. There are still about a score of pre-Reformation bells in the city.

At the end of the sixteenth and the beginning of the seventeenth centuries the Norwich foundry was owned by the Brend family. Their bells are to be found all over East Anglia, proof of the popularity of ringing as a sport.

It was no doubt for the sake of ringing that so many of the bells in the Norwich steeples were cast or recast. At St. Mary, Coslany, in the reign of Edward VI., there were four bells. In 1640 the tenor was taken down and recast into two trebles to make a ring of five. In 1682 the process was repeated and the tenor of the five was recast into two bells to make a ring of six. I rang on those bells several times 45 years ago, but about that time the church became dilapidated and the bells were taken down from the tower. They are now, I believe, hung dead in a modern church in the suburbs.

THE ADVENTURES OF ST. ANDREW'S TENOR.

At St. Andrew's there was an early ring of five. When the neighbouring Dominican priory was dissolved and its great church sold to the citizens to be a civic hall the parishioners of St. Andrew's bought the larger of the two bells from the steeple (the other was used as the market bell in the cattle market) and hung it in their Parish Church to be the tenor of the ring there, but probably it did not accord very well with the others. It weighed about 26½ cwt., and when William Brend recast it he reduced the weight to 21 cwt., but it now proved as much too light as before it had proved too heavy. So on the 16th day of April, 1634, it was new cast again by him and made bigger, and then weighed 25 cwt. But then proving somewhat too big to accord with the rest of the bells & otherwise defective in the casting it was first skived and then afterwards some part of the head, viz., the upper part of the mayne Connell brake of, by which skiving & breaking off thirty six pounds of the weight of metal was taken away and then it weighed 24c. 2qr. 3lb. unto which was added, when it was cast the third tyme 7lb. of pewter being 18 Decemb. 1635 by John Brend & now it weighs according to our own weight, being weigh in Christmas Hollidays 1635 here at our Church 23c. 1qr. 10lb. & there remayne in Mettal which was sold to John Brend 1c. 1qr. for 24-12-0.

The six at St. Andrew's were for long the heaviest ring in Norwich. In 1704 the big bell was again broken up, the old fifth, which weighs about 16 cwt., became the tenor, and three smaller bells were added to make a ring of eight.

The octave was in 1825 further increased by two bells to make a ring of ten. They were the gift of Thomas Hurry, one of the Norwich ringers and a carpenter and bell hanger by trade. The tale goes that he ordered the bells from Whitechapel hoping to be paid by the parish, but he was disappointed in his hopes and had to make the best of a bad job.

A CURIOUS BELL FRAME.

An interesting thing about St. Andrew's tower is that all through these alterations the same frame has been retained. There is still the frame in which the original five bells hung, dating from the early sixteenth century. It is set diagonally in the bell chamber and as the ring was augmented other frames were built on the top of it, Hurry's two trebles being at the top of a sort of pyramid. One result is that the ropes fell in a very irregular circle, the order being 5, 4, 6, 9, 8, 1, 3, 2, 7, 10; and another was that the bells were very difficult to ring. I believe I was one of the band that rang the last changes in the tower. That was over 40 years ago and now there are neither ropes nor wheels on the bells.

The five at the Cathedral are tuned in the minor scale and the quarter and hour chimes on them are very effective. The bells hang in the central tower and, until the middle of the last century, could be rung. The ringing floor, however, was taken away to open out the lantern and the bells are chimed (if ever they are chimed now) from the triforium.

There never was a parish church in Norwich in the sense that St. Martin's is the parish church of Birmingham, and St. Nicholas' is the parish church of Liverpool, but St. Peter, Mancroft, stands in the market place, its parish contains the Guildhall, and in a very great measure it was looked upon as the municipal church. St. Peter's bells were the ones that were rung on official occasions, they were regarded much as if they were the property of the city and the Mayor gave orders for the ringing and paid the ringers without consulting the church authorities.

As early as the middle of the fourteenth century there were five bells in the steeple and night and morning the curfew was rung. In 1602 a treble was added and in 1672 the octave was completed. In the British Museum is an 18th century manuscript 'Account of the Parish Church of St. Peter of Mancroft in the City of Norwich.' It gives a transcript of all the monuments in the church and a copy of the inscriptions on the bells. Three of them, the fifth, sixth and seventh, dated from before the Reformation. The tenor, which weighed 23½ cwt., was cast in 1618.

Altogether the city contained in 1700 one ring of eight, five of six, twelve of five, and 14 of three bells. St. Andrew's were made eight in 1704, St. Michael's, Coslany, in 1726, and St. Giles' in 1738.

(To be continued.)

QUARTER-PEALS.

FYLINGDALES, YORKS.—On Sunday, August 6th, for evening service at St. Stephen's Church, Fylingdales, Robin Hood's Bay, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples: G. W. Weiburn (first quarter-peat) 1, J. Alexander 2, Miss Olive L. Ashbrook (London) 3, A. V. Coates (conductor) (Whitby) 4, G. F. Alexander 5, M. Cooper 6, E. Thompson 7, R. K. Mowforth (Bristol) 8.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—For evening service on August 6th, a quarter-peat (1,280 changes) of Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Hoskins 1, Mrs. J. E. Davis 2, Miss M. Rawlings (first attempt for a quarter of Surprise) 3, W. H. Hewett 4, J. E. Davis 5, A. J. W. Hughes (first attempt for a quarter of Surprise 'inside') 6, W. J. Rawlings (first quarter of Cambridge Major) 7, P. A. Corby (conductor) 8.

BELLS OF A HAMPSHIRE VILLAGE.

RESTORATION AT ABBOT'S ANN.

In the little village of Abbot's Ann, Hampshire, the five bells hanging in the church tower have been restored to use again. The three treble bells, one dated 1729 and the other two 1607, have been recast, the remainder tuned and the peal rehung in new fittings in a strengthened frame. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston in a very satisfactory manner, the three recast bells making a good splice with the old fourth and tenor, the latter, in F sharp, weighing 9 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

The old inscriptions have been reproduced on the recast bells, with the addition of 'Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1939.' It is probable that the founder at the recasting of the whole ring in 1607 was John Wallis, of Salisbury, who had a considerable business between 1578 and 1624. The old inscriptions are:—

- 1.—Fear God honor the King. 1729. I C Harry Cole C W
- 2.—Hope well I W. 1607.
- 3.—Love God I W. 1607.
- 4.—Robert Wells, Aldbourne, Fecit. 1764.
- 5.—Fears the Lord. 1607. I W.

THE REDEDICATION.

The restored bells were rededicated by the Lord Bishop of Winchester at a special service on Friday week. There was a crowded congregation, among those present being Mr. C. F. Johnston and the following representing the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild: Mr. G. Williams (Master), the Rev. F. S. H. Marle (hon. secretary of the Andover District), Mr. O. Smart (District Ringing Master), Mr. J. Holloway (District Representative on the Committee), Mr. W. Andrews (Winchester), Mr. W. T. Tucker (Eastleigh), etc. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. E. W. Steedman).

In his address the Bishop said Hampshire had a wonderful tradition of bellringing and he hoped it would long continue. In no other country in the world would they find bells rung in the same kind of way and with the same native skill as in England. Many, when they went overseas, carried with them the memory of English bells.

Speaking of the Abbot's Ann bells in particular, he said they had behind them a wonderful history and it was not the first time they had been rededicated. In 1607 they were recast and no one knew how old the metal in them was. More important still, bells expressed the thanksgiving and prayers of the people of the parish for many years. Bells had their influence on architecture, history and religion. Sometimes they actually made history. Still more did they play their part in worship. They were installed to call people to the worship of God. When they felt inclined to stay at home on Sunday, let them think of the call of the bells. 'Come to church, come to church.' The bells were God's voice calling to the people. Bells helped people who were ill or infirm and could not go to church.

Bells could be a healthy force in a parish, and while he rejoiced with them that their bells were to ring out, he could not help remembering that there were places in the diocese in which there were not only no bells but no churches to which people could be called, as in the districts round Southampton, where there were populations from 10,000 to 20,000 without a church.

After the service various methods were rung on the bells.

Our summary of the Bishop's address is given by the courtesy of the 'Hampshire Chronicle.'

A VISIT TO WORCESTERSHIRE.

Talgarth ringers had their ninth annual outing on August Bank Holiday and were accompanied by friends and relatives. Starting at 8 a.m., they picked up Mr. J. P. Hyett at Hay and then went on to Eardisland, one of the prettiest villages in the county of Hereford, where they were met by Messrs. L. Evans, W. Preece and B. Ellsmore, who joined the party. After ringing rounds for the learners and touches of Grand sire Doubles, Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor, the party made for the old-fashioned village of Cleobury Mortimer, with its leaning spire. The bells are a good ring of six wanting more use, but despite this they go well, with rather big and clumsy ropes. After the ringing the Vicar thanked the visitors for coming and expressed the hope that the local band would take up change ringing. The next stop was Kidderminster, where the party partook of lunch before ringing at St. Mary's Church, where they were met and welcomed by Mr. Woodberry, sen., and later joined by Messrs. C. H. Woodberry, W. Short, J. Bass and B. Ashford. Some of the visitors had the pleasure of ringing on twelve bells for the first time, while the non-ringing members of the party had the pleasure of watching two pretty weddings which took place during ringing. The journey was then continued to Ombersley, where, after hunting and dodging for about half an hour in search of the key of the tower, it was found with one of the ringers, who had mistaken the time of arrival and had gone home. During the ringing the Vicar came up the tower and gave the ringers a hearty welcome. The last tower of the tour was St. Peter's, Droitwich, and after several touches the party went for tea and sight-seeing around the Spa till 9.15 p.m. Home was reached about midnight after a most pleasant day's trip. The methods rung included rounds for those who had not passed their test, Grand sire Doubles, Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Grand sire Triples and Caters. The ringers wish to express their most grateful thanks to all the Vicars for the use of the bells, and to the towerkeepers for meeting them and having everything ready.

DIARY OF A WEEK'S HOLIDAY.

PEALS IN SOMERSET AND DORSET.

The Friday and Saturday before August Bank Holiday found many wending their way to Bristol for a holiday with a little ringing. Those who made the trip included Canon G. F. Coleridge, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Walker, Miss N. Williams, Miss L. K. Bowling, Messrs. A. A. Hughes, J. T. Dyke, E. J. Taylor, C. W. Woolley, A. Lawrence, S. H. Green and son John, H. Knight, B. White, F. W. Perrens and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher. At Bristol the party was joined by Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Wood. Here are extracts from the diary of one of the party:—

SATURDAY.—Two peal attempts, Portishead and St. Mary Redcliffe. The first came home; the latter was unsuccessful, through a call which was something different.

SUNDAY.—Service ringing at St. Mary Redcliffe and Clifton. Departure for the Three Cloughs, Yeovil, headquarters for the rest of the week. For evensong, four of the party in a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters at Yeovil Parish Church, with the 'atom' on the tenor. The remainder, known as the rabbits, to Preston Plucknett for Cambridge Minor (720), Plain Bob and Stedman Doubles. It is rumoured that the ringing was good, although the sallies were somewhat elusive.

MONDAY.—Yetminster and Thornford in the morning, with a peal of Stedman Triples at Sherborne Abbey in the afternoon. All the band were newcomers to the tower. Here, for the first time, two members of the party took the wrong turning and were lucky to be in the peal.

TUESDAY.—North Perrott and Bradpole, where the Canon was able to ring Stedman Triples after a lapse of six years. Lunch at the Greyhound, Bridport, where Mr. Northover joined the party. Peal attempt at Bridport, unsuccessful. Tea at Greyhound as guests of Mr. Northover, to whom the party tendered many thanks.

WEDNESDAY.—Early service, with Canon Coleridge celebrating. Ringing at Crewkerne and Chard, and a visit to Forde Abbey. Peal attempt at Ilminster, with Mr. J. Hunt standing in—a bad bend which kept bent, and many fell off their perches.

THURSDAY.—Hardington Mandeville and West Coker. Peal of Stedman Caters at Yeovil and handbell peal of Bob Major at headquarters.

FRIDAY.—South Perrott (where four members of the Aldershot band were found on a non-ringing cycling holiday, complete with dog) and Corscombe. Peal of Cambridge Major at Beaminster. Visit from Mayor of Yeovil in the evening.

SATURDAY.—Whitchurch Canoniconum in the morning. Peal attempt at East Coker with three members of Yeovil band standing in. Unlucky, so rang a quarter-peal of Double Norwich.

SUNDAY.—Service ringing at Sherborne by the remnants of the party together with the Sherborne band and several Yeovil ringers, some of whom cycled, so they said, but there is a doubt about it. They certainly turned up complete with bicycles.

The party tender grateful thanks to all who assisted in making the holiday enjoyable, the incumbents of the various churches for their welcome and facilities given, to all towerkeepers for their services, to the Mayor of Yeovil for his interest in the party's doings, and to the members of the Yeovil band for their many kindnesses.

NOTE.—Many items in the diary have been completely cut out by the Censor.

A THANKOFFERING.

On Sunday, August 20th, at the Church of the Holy Rood, Buckland Newton, Dorset, before evensong, a quarter-peal of Grand sire Doubles (1,264 changes): G. Osmond 1, Mrs. G. Rendell 2, C. H. Smart 3, E. T. P. Field (conductor) 4, G. W. Rendell 5, W. Gosney 6. Rung as a thankoffering for the restoration to health of the conductor's wife after her severe illness and to celebrate the baptism of Margaret Elizabeth Jean, daughter of the conductor and granddaughter of the late Rev. E. S. Field, Vicar of Buckland Newton 1907-1936.

VISITORS AT DROITWICH.

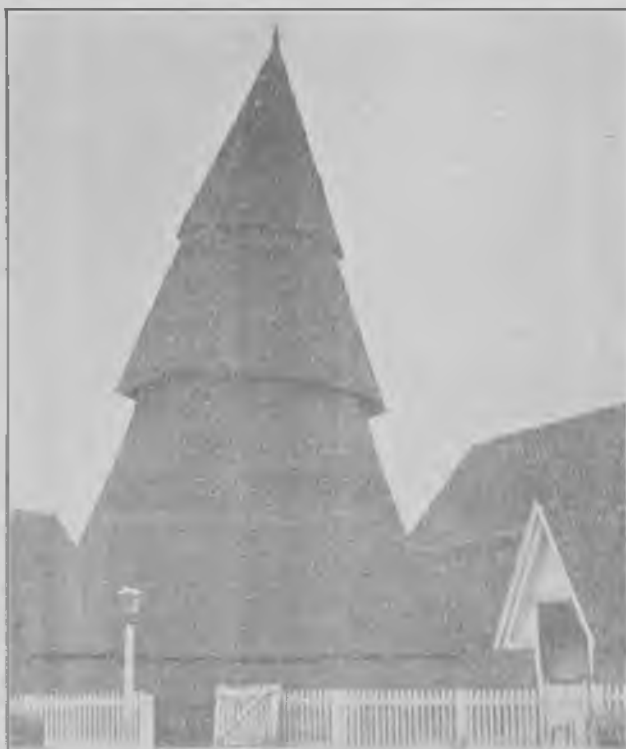
A quarter-peal of Grand sire Triples, rung at Dodderhill, Droitwich, Worcestershire, before evening service on August 6th, was arranged for Mr. E. Matthews, of Gloucester, who was in Droitwich for the brine treatment. The quarter-peal was rung by A. G. Thomas 1, C. R. Smith 2, D. Potter 3, A. E. Moseley 4, W. H. Raxter 5, E. Matthews (conductor) 6, T. H. Young 7, G. Evans 8. Mr. Potter, from Bromsgrove, arrived unexpectedly in the tower while seven of the band were waiting in the belfry. When the last of the local men arrived one of the others stood out to enable Mr. Potter to ring.

RAINHAM, KENT.—Arranged for P. Fisher, who is serving in the Royal Navy and belongs to Portsmouth, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) was rung at St. Margaret's, for evensong, on August 20th: *R. Edwards 1, *Kathleen L. Cheal 2, Joan Naylor (first quarter-peal of Major 'inside') 3, P. Fisher 4, F. J. Cheal 5, W. J. Walker 6, G. A. Naylor (conductor) 7, W. L. Rayner 8. *First quarter-peal of Major.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

A TOUR IN THE MARSHES.

Members and friends of St. Peter's Society, Tunbridge Wells, making up a party of 30, had their annual day's tour on August Bank Holiday. Leaving at 8 a.m., they called first at Staplehurst. Here a peal of eight, with a tenor of 2½ cwt. in E flat, was put to use in Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich and rounds for the learners, and found to 'go' perfectly. The next stop was not actually on the programme, but with Mr. A. J. Battin 'up in front' with the driver, somehow or other the party found themselves at Tenterden, not outside the church, sad to relate, but outside a place called The Cellars. However, a little refreshment and a course or two on the handbells fitted the party for the run to the border of Romney Marsh, the great expanse of rich pastures, with its numerous churches and legends of the 'wool runners,' where the stories of Doctor Syn were unfolded. At Appledore, once a seaport sacked by the Danes, but now high and dry, there is a most interesting church, with a tower having a Norman base, provided with a handy ring of eight, tenor 12½ cwt., rung from the ground floor. Kent Treble Bob Major, Grandsire, Stedman and rounds were ably 'knocked off.'



BROOKLAND'S QUAIN THREE-TIER TOWER.

Appledore was left on time, no one getting lost as is usual at other times of the day, because the next stop meant lunch. The Ship, New Romney, was the scene of the operation. What an operation! The party is noted for its fine trenchermen, but no one expected quite such a good show. Stanley apparently had learnt a thing or two since he went to reside at Rotherfield. However, this is not the place to give secrets away, and after everything edible had been disposed of and the manager had closed down for the day (the lunch was ad lib), the beautiful Church of St. Nicholas, with its great Norman tower, 32ft. square and 100ft. high, was visited. The visitors were met by their old friend, Mr. H. S. Humphrey, the local captain. The eight bells, tenor 19½ cwt., seemed to know Stedman by heart. Unfortunately, the ringers didn't, and what appeared likely to prove a lovely touch still needs a bit on the end. The rounds went all right, so did the Double Norwich, after which the whole party also went. On a handy ring of eight at Lydd, with a tenor of 15 cwt., housed in a fine perpendicular tower 132ft. high, they put over some very good striking.

Brookland, 'Yes, we are going to ring there,' they told their friends. So they did—120 Grandsire Doubles. The tenor wrong way up, no floor between the bells and ringers, one candle, no windows and everybody crowding round the doorway made this very simple. However, they nearly all had a ring and pronounced it worth while. The five bells hang in a structure entirely of wood, built away from the church, and looking like three giant candle snuffers one upon the other. The fifteenth century saw the building of this steeple, also

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ASSOCIATION SECRETARIES.

GUIDE TO NAMES AND ADDRESSES.

The following are the names and addresses of the secretaries of the principal associations of ringers. The list will be useful in many ways, but its publication is chiefly in order to facilitate the scheme for keeping ringers, who remove from one area to another, in touch with ringing and bringing them into contact with the tower nearest to their new place of residence. When a ringer goes to live in the area of another association, the local secretary should forward his new address, either through his own general secretary, who will pass it on, or direct to the secretary of the association to which the member has gone, and, through him, the ringers in the town to which the member has removed will be able to hunt up the newcomer—if he needs it.

Another purpose of this list is to enable ringers to know where they may obtain information about towers in any district they propose to visit.

Any corrections to the subjoined list should be forwarded for publication:—

Ancient Society of College Youths: Mr. A. B. Peck, Branksome, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.
Barnsley and District Society: Mr. D. Smith, Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley, Yorks.
Bath and Wells Diocesan Association: Mr. J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath.
Bedfordshire Association: Mr. F. J. Plummer, Plantation Road, Leighton Buzzard.
Cambridge University Guild: Mr. M. B. Shaw, Peterhouse, Cambridge.
Chester Diocesan Guild: Rev. M. H. Ridgway, Tarvin Vicarage, Chester.
Cleveland and North Yorks Association: Mr. J. Reed, 67, Hedley Street, Guisborough, Yorks.
Cumberland Association: Mr. W. T. Holmes, 4, Kirkbank, Cockermouth, Cumberland.
Devon Guild: Mr. T. Laver, 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.
Doncaster and District Society: Mr. E. Cooper, 1, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, Doncaster, Yorks.
Dudley and District Guild: Mr. H. Sheppard, 17, Grange Road, Dudley.
Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association: Mr. R. Park, 23, Oaklands Terrace, Darlington.

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the casting of one of the bells. The rest were cast in 1635. Inside the church (dedicated to St. Augustine) are many interesting features, one of the best being the early Norman font, made of lead, with remarkable ornamentation.

Rye for tea. Ladd, by name and nature, nearly outdid the other food storing champion, but not quite, and old Alec came up a good third. There must be something about the air down that way, or maybe some of the 'boys' had fasted the day before, to make sure of getting their money's worth. A 'Will Hay' act by the captain, and all were ready for the return journey, for that meant more cats, etc., later on. Holvenden was the last stop, for ringing anyway. The dark brown, fourteenth century tower contains a fine ring of eight, which were soon made good use of to the tune of Bob Major, Grandsire, Stedman and last but not least rounds. Good rounds. Good striking had been the order of the day. Everybody knew beforehand which bell to take in the various touches at each church. This system worked perfectly and much time was saved, besides the ringers being placed in their best positions, fore and aft and in the middle, and everybody having the chance to hear the bells outside the church.

On the way home there was a 'pull up' at the Bull, at Sissinghurst, for the benefit of the body building hand, and then back to the 'Wells.' As usual the day was considered the 'best ever,' especially by Mr. and Mrs. W. Latter, who once again were able to join the party, and, as Mr. Latter has been a member of St. Peter's band for more than 40 years, he should know something about it.

EXETER RINGERS VISIT BARNSTAPLE.

St. Sidwell's, Exeter, ringers went north to Barnstaple for their annual outing, the ten members being accompanied by the Rector (the Rev. H. Lanyon Owen). Leaving Exeter about noon, they rang in the two good peals of eight at Chulmleigh and Bideford and then went on to Tawstock, where there is a beautiful church, containing ancient memorials, heralds, and a time glass on the pulpit to inform the preacher when to finish his sermon. The thanks of the party are due to the caretaker for his lucid explanation. Going on to Barnstaple, the members sat down to dinner at Bromley's Cafe. They next visited Barnstaple Parish Church, where they set the bells going for 30 minutes. The methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman. Leaving for home, the excursionists made a call at the Fortescue Hotel for Mr. Drake's supper. Here two courses of Grandsire Triples were rung on the handbells by Messrs. Drake, Howe, Shepherd and Richardson. Exeter was reached at 11 p.m. after a very enjoyable day.

ASSOCIATION SECRETARIES.

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East Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Association: Mr. J. W. England, Welwyn, The Common, South Normanton, Derbyshire.
 East Grinstead and District Guild: Mr. B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.
 Ely Diocesan Association: Miss K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.
 Essex Association: Mr. L. J. Clark, 36, Lynmouth Avenue, Chelmsford.
 Gloucester and Bristol Association: Mr. E. Guise, 46a, Tankard's Close, Bristol 2.
 Guildford Diocesan Guild: Mr. G. L. Grover, East Clandon, Guildford, Surrey.
 Halifax and District Association: Mr. F. Hodgson, 566, Halifax Road, Hightown, Liversedge, Yorks.
 Hawkhurst and District Guild: Mr. J. G. Powell, 1, Woodbury Road, Hawkhurst, Kent.
 Hereford Diocesan Guild: Rev. E. G. Benson, Burghill Rectory, Herefordshire.
 Hertford County Association: Mr. G. W. Cartmel, Duffield, St. Albans.
 Huddersfield and District Association: Mr. F. Linfoot, 2, Turnpike Street, Elland, Yorks.
 Irish Association: Mr. G. Lindoff, 90, Elford Road, S.C.R., Dublin.
 Kent County Association: Mr. F. M. Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.
 Ladies' Guild: Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.
 Lancashire Association: Mr. W. H. Shuker, 108, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester.
 Leeds and District Society: Mr. H. Lofthouse, 8, Wortley Road, Upper Armley, Leeds.
 Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Mr. F. W. Stokes, Blankney, Lincoln.
 Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association: Mr. J. W. Jones, Cartref, Alteryon View, Newport, Mon.
 London County Association: Mr. T. W. Taffender, 26, Southway, Raynes Park, S.W.
 Middlesex County Association: Mr. C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4.
 Midland Counties Association: Mr. E. Morris, 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.
 National Police Guild: Insp. H. J. Poole, The Wayside, Narborough Road, Leicester.
 North Notts Association: Mr. E. Towler, 69, Ordsall Road, Retford, Notts.
 North Staffordshire Association: Mr. A. Thompson, 55, Whitehouse Road, Cross Heath, Newcastle, Staffs.
 North Wales Association: Mr. W. Catherall, 19, Cmliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham, North Wales.
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NOTICES.

A JOINT MEETING of the Guildford Diocesan Guild (Chertsey District), the Middlesex County Association (South and West District), the Oxford Diocesan Guild (East Berks and South Bucks Branch) and the Surrey Association (North-Western District) will be held at St. Mary's, Staines, on Saturday, August 26th. Service at 5.15 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. J. R. James (Vicar of Staines). Tea in the Church Rooms at 5.45 p.m. Ringing arrangements: St. Mary's, Staines, from 3 p.m.; Egham, from 3 p.m.; Wraysbury, from 3 p.m. (interval from 6.30 to 7 p.m.). St. Peter's bells will also probably be available. All ringers and friends welcome.—F. E. Hawthorne (Guildford Guild), J. E. Lewis Cockey (Middlesex County Association), A. D. Barker (Oxford Guild) and F. G. Woodiss (Surrey Association), District Hon. Secs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern District. —The next meeting will be held at Ingatestone on Saturday, Aug. 26th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Fryerning bells available after tea.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston and Fylde Branches.—The joint meeting will be held at Preston Parish Church on Saturday, Aug. 26th. Tower open 3 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Bells (10). All ringers welcome.—A. Blogg and C. Sharples, Branch Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Accrington on Saturday, August 26th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea provided free. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church in North Mimms Park on Saturday, August 26th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., to be followed by tea at the Churchyard Cottage. (Postcards will greatly help arrangements.) 238 bus from St. Albans to Welham Green stops at Park Gates.—Harold V. Frost, Dis. Sec., 4, Kimberley Road, St. Albans.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, August 26th. Bells available 3.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—East Farleigh and hops are well known throughout Kent. A welcome awaits all ringers there on Saturday, August 26th, the occasion being a by-meeting of Maidstone District. Usual arrangements, etc.—R. G. Rayfield, Hon. Dis. Sec., Downsview, Spring Lane, Ightham.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Moreton Corbet, August 26th. Usual arrangements. Visitors welcome, but tea can only be provided if notice is sent to W. A. Farmer, 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury.

CALLING ALL RINGERS.—What about a trip to Woodhouse Eaves on Saturday, August 26th? **WHAT'S ON?** Why, the monthly meeting of the Loughborough District, M.C.A. **WHERE IS IT?** Why, it is the well-known health resort of the Charnwood Forest. Beautiful scenery and a fine peal of six bells. Tea arranged if you drop a card to Mr. G. H. Haynes, 31, Main Street, Woodhouse Eaves, Loughborough. Other arrangements as usual.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH, SCISSETT. — Dedication by the Vicar on Aug. 26th at 2.45 p.m. of bass bell, for future chime of eight, on which will strike the hours. Clock to be restarted by Mr. Charles Buckley, donor. Work has been done by Gillett and Johnston.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held on Saturday, August 26th, at Hatfield. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged for those who will require it. A good peal of bells—come and use them. — E. Cooper, Hon. Sec., 6, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, Doncaster.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637). — Meetings for practice during August: *St. Mary-le-Bow, 29th; St. Magnus', 31st. *Business meeting afterwards.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

LADIES' GUILD and SURREY ASSOCIATION. — A joint mid-week meeting will be held at Christ Church, Epsom, on Wednesday, August 30th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at the Cricketers, Epsom Common, at 5.30. Service at 6.30. Notifications for tea to be sent to Mr. J. Crawford, 2, Woodcote Side, Epsom, not later than Monday, August 28th. All ringers welcome.—I. R. Housden and F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Secs.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — There will be a practice at St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch, on Thursday, Aug. 31st, at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch (Lincoln District) and Eastern Branch.—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Horncastle on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at Church Hall at 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will all intending to be present for tea please let me know by Monday, August 28th?—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Eastern Branch, Park House, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 2nd, at St. Mary's Church, Rawtenstall. Bells ready 4. Meeting in tower at 6.30. Everybody welcome.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Ash on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea following at 1/- per head. Names for tea, please, to:—Mr. W. C. Goldup, Durlock, Ash, Canterbury, not later than Thursday, August 31st.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The monthly meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held at Whitminster on Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Bells (6) open at 3 p.m. Usual procedure. Bus from Commercial Road at 2.45 p.m. Card for tea not later than Aug. 28th will much oblige.—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 4, G.W.R. Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney, Glos.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Gorseinon on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, August 29th, certain.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West and South-West Divisions.—A joint meeting will be held at Epping Town on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.—W. Wheeler and J. H. Crampion, Hon. Dis. Secs.

PASTON CHURCH, NORFOLK.—New treble bell, to complete ring of six, and new electric clock, by Gillett and Johnston, to be dedicated September 2nd, 4 p.m., by Rev. J. F. Williams, Rector of South Walsham. Ringers are invited. Vicar kindly providing tea, and asks prior notification of the numbers attending.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary, Hendon, on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Notices for tea (1s. per head) to be sent to me by Tuesday, 29th. Methods for special attention, Double Court, Bob Minor and London Surprise Minor. Other methods will be rung as required.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Holloways Lane, North Mimms, Hatfield, Herts.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Bolsover Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. For tea please notify Mr. J. Flint, 45, Oxcroft Lane, Bolsover, by Aug. 29th (so that provision can be made).—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield 7.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Twyford on Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please send in good time those requiring tea. Make it a good meeting. — Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Belper, on Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. All ringers assured of a hearty welcome. Methods to suit all.—W. Lancaster, Hon. Sec., 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden, Derby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Aughton, on Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Bells available from 3 p.m.; after tea, at Christ Church, Aughton.—S. Forshaw, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.

'THERE'S METHOD IN OUR CALLING.' Aldenham, Herts, Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Bells open at 3.30. Tea at Social Club 5.30. Buses from Bushey and Radlett stop at church. Excellent service. Send your names for tea to C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. City 4270.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bishops Cannings on Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, for which advise.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., 584, Semington Road, Melksham.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Watford (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Usual arrangements. Please notify hon. secretary not later than Tuesday previous of those requiring tea.—H. H. Shrivess, Hon. Branch Sec., The Mill, Long Buckby, Rugby.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild. — The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Houghton-le-Spring on Sept. 6th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—Margaret A. P. Bertie, 17, Ridley Avenue, Chester-le-Street.

LADIES' GUILD.—Eastern District. — A meeting will be held at St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells available at 3 p.m.—Service at 4.30 p.m., conducted by Rev. Canon Whytehead. Tea at Waller's Restaurant at 5.15 p.m. Names for tea should be sent to me not later than Sept. 5th. Gentlemen very cordially invited.—Sylvia R. E. Bowyer, Hon. Sec., 32, Gatacre Road, Ipswich.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Appleby Magna on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea 4.45, followed by meeting. Names for tea must be sent by Thursday, Sept. 7th, to me. Now for the Minor methods? All are welcome.—J. W. Cotton, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS. — Mr. Ronald H. Bullen has removed from Edmonton to 39a, High Street, Ely, Cambs.

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