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REAL VARIETY IN RINGING.

By the steady advance which is being made in the art and the enterprise of one or two 'explorers,' ringers to-day have a choice of methods which even within the memory of some who are still of middle age, was undreamt of. What is more, variety is being added for those who care to avail themselves of it, by such manipulation of old methods as would have made the past generation shudder. The mixing of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, such as has been designated Worcester, and the freakish system by which such variations as Granta are produced are almost enough to make bygone ringers, such as Haley and Johnson, turn in their graves. Such adaptations of old methods may improve the music and relieve the monotony of a certain type of peals, and for this reason, perhaps, may be welcomed by some, although it has been argued by others that they reduce the musical effect by eliminating the contrasts which are obtained when the tenors are brought together after having been temporarily parted. But whatever their value, we doubt very much if such 'mongrel' arrangements will appeal very widely to the general body of ringers.

What we should prefer to see is a genuine effort made to extend ringing in a larger number of the higher methods. There are many bands efficient in the lower methods who have yet left Surprise ringing untouched, and there are many who are competent Surprise ringers who limit their practice to about four or five methods. Ringers seem to get too easily into a groove, and, having rung Superlative, Cambridge and London, with, perhaps, Bristol added, are content. There are many other Surprise methods, not all as difficult, perhaps, but certainly well nigh, if not quite, as interesting. Why is it Major bands do not seek them out and ring them? There are at least half a score of good Surprise methods, beyond those mentioned, in existence, with peals already composed, but very few bother to practise them. The Leiston band, in which the members of one family very largely predominate, is a shining example of what may be done to introduce variety into the ringing of higher methods, and it would be well if more companies would emulate them.

Some day, we suppose, the Central Council will publish a collection of Surprise methods, although at the present rate of progress many years will pass over our heads before it appears. Apart from the handicap of funds wherewith to publish such a work, the Surprise methods would, in the natural order of things, be the last of the sequence, and at present even the plain methods are pigeon-holed, while the Treble Bob methods remain to be worked out. This latter is a prodigious undertaking, for not only

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have the methods themselves to be set down on paper from the formulæ from which these things are obtained, but they have to be proved. Then, when it is remembered that few men are capable of the task and that fewer still have the time to devote to it, it will be seen that the collection of eight-bell Surprise methods is likely to be a thing of the very distant future. In the meantime, however, there is no reason why Surprise ringing should be limited almost entirely to the four methods named above.

TEN BELL PEALS.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 11, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLLIS... ...	...*Treble*	*A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ...	6
WALTER ALLWOOD	2	*WILLIAM T. PALMER ...	7
*TOM O'HARA	3	WILLIAM BENNETT	8
ARTHUR KNIGHTS	4	WILLIAM BIGGIN	9
FREDERICK E. SMITH ...	5	†THOMAS E. LEE... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE HOLLIS.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday June 11, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5030 CHANGES

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

*JEFFREY R. GAMMON	...*Treble*	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT	6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ...	2	AMOS CLARK...	7
REGINALD BROUGH	3	GEORGE A. CARD...	8
MISS GLADYS BATEMAN ...	4	ARTHUR D. BARKER	9
ROBERT G. CHAPPELE ...	5	WILLIAM H. PICKETT...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal on ten tower bells.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 11, 1921, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

GEORGE CONDICK, JUN.	...*Treble*	WILLIAM H. THOMAS ...	6
JOHN THOMAS	2	WILLIAM KNIGHT	7
*JOSEPH T. DYKE	3	*WILBY J. HAZELL	8
EDWIN J. RIDLER	4	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. ...	9
EDWIN J. BROWN	5	JOHN A. BURFORD ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WORSLEY.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 7, 1921, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 21¼ cwt.

W. GRUNDY	...*Treble*	F. GRUNDY	5
J. H. RIDYARD	2	P. H. DERBYSHIRE	6
W. JONES	3	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ...	7
S. HARRISON...	4	J. RIDYARD	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. H. RIDYARD.

W. W. Wolstencroft hails from Ashton-under-Lyne.

HITCHIN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, June 10, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

*HERBERT ELSE ... ...*Treble*		FRANK CROFT	5
ERNEST W. DAY	2	RALPH CROFT	6
ERNEST J. NEWELL	3	HERBERT E. DAY	7
JOHN HARE...	4	GEORGE T. CROFT ... ...*Tenor*	

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by GEORGE T. CROFT.

* First peal away from tenor. First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the 4th. First peal as conductor on 8 bells.

HELMSHORE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 11, 1921, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*THOMAS FOSTER... ... ...*Treble*		*JOHN POTTER	5
*THOMAS B. WORSLEY ...	2	*TITUS BARLOW	6
ROBERT WALLWORK	3	THOMAS P. BRANDWOOD ...	7
THOMAS WALLWORK	4	JAMES HY. BANKS ... ...*Tenor*	

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by J. H. BANKS.

* First peal in the method.

REIGATE, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, June 11, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

CHARLES N. BURDOCK ...*Treble*		GEORGE W. STEERE	5
HENRY F. EWINS...	2	JOHN H. WHITE	6
ERNEST WEATHERBY	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN....	7
GEORGE MARRINER	4	GEORGE F. HOAD... ... ...*Tenor*	

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 11, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

PERCY MARCHANT ... ...*Treble*		ARTHUR CAUSLEY	5
HERBERT RANN	2	ALBERT REID	6
ALFRED J. PIERPOINT... ...	3	JAMES A. HART	7
CHARLES H. HUMPHREY ...	4	ROBERT J. DAWE... ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by J. A. HART.

SANDHURST, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sunday, June 12, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST E. DAVIS ... ...*Treble*		JAMES BUTLER	5
THOMAS BALDWYN	2	CHARLES H. AUSTIN	6
FRANCIS J. LEWIS	3	SYDNEY M. LOXTON	7
JOHN AUSTIN...	4	ALFRED G. HANNIS ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to T. Newman, of Maida Vale, London, formerly of Sandhurst.

ALFRED BOWELL,
CHURCH BELL FOUNDER,
IPSWICH.

DERBY.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, June 13, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*GEORGE WM. BRAME ...*Treble*		*WILLIAM POYSER	5
CHARLES DRAPER	2	*WILFRED H. BUXTON ...	6
*WILLIAM A. PARSONS ...	3	*JOHN W. GLEW...	7
*J. ARTHUR ORGILL	4	JOSEPH LORD ... ...*Tenor*	

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by J. LORD.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells, also longest length. Rung with the bells fully muffled on the anniversary of the death of Trooper W. J. Davies, who was a member of the St. Peter's band of ringers.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, June 14, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

ALFRED WATSON ... ...*Treble*		NORMAN R. BAILEY	5
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ...	2	ERNEST E. GRIMES	6
†FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ...	3	JOHN HALL	7
*VICTOR E. KERRIDGE ...	4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... ...*Tenor*	

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD. Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' † 100th tower bell peal.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, June 15, 1921, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS'. Tenor 16½ cwt.

JAMES GOODSELL... ... ...*Treble*		EDWARD MILLS	5
FREDERICK MORGAN	2	*CHARLES G. CREASEY ...	6
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN.	3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ...	7
TRAYTON BOOTH	4	†GEORGE MILLS ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by ALBERT EDWARDS.

* First peal with a bob bell. † First peal on eight bells.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, June 16, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE DURLING ... ...*Treble*		HERBERT J. SKELT	5
ARTHUR MASON	2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ...	6
PERCY J. SPICE	3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	7
HAROLD W. CLARK	4	WILLIAM LYDIARD ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

BISPHAM.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(FYLDE BRANCH.)
On Saturday, June 18, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

C. SHARPLES ... ...*Treble*		F. GREENWOOD	5
*A. STOCKS	2	†J. SMITH	6
†L. GREEN	3	W. WILDE	7
A. HAGUE	4	†J. ATKINSON ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by C. SHARPLES.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. Mr. Stocks hails from Rawmarsh, Yorks, and he was elected a non-resident member of the Association previous to starting. The ringers of 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 hail from St. John's, Blackpool, and the tenor from the Church of the Sacred Heart, Blackpool. Mr. Sharples is tutor to the local band. First peal on the bells.

SOLIHULL.—On Saturday, April 30th, 1921, in the belfry, on handbells, in 34 mins., 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: *E. Rose 1—2, E. C. Shepherd (conductor) 3—4, *C. H. Simkiss 5—6. * First quarter-peal on handbells.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 18, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 16¼ cwt.

*PERCY HARRISON	*Treble*	THOMAS H. VALLANCE	5
GEORGE CLEAL	2	HARRY BROUGHTON	6
JOHN OLDHAM	3	†EPHRAIM W. RANDS	7
HAROLD J. POOLE	4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRED H. DEXTER.

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

CHISWICK.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 18, 1921, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

CECIL V. EBBERSON	*Treble*	ARTHUR MASON	5
WILLIAM PYE	2	ALBERT W. COLES	6
GEORGE R. PYE	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
ISAAC G. SHADE	4	REUBEN SANDERS	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

DRAYTON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BERKSHIRE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 18, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. HOLIFIELD	*Treble*	JORDON CADDWELL	5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK	2	ALBERT E. LOCK	6
*JACK HONEY	3	FRANK BARRETT	7
HARRY HOLIFIELD	4	†JOHN NOBES	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

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

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 19, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

ALFRED H. WATSON	*Treble*	ERNEST LANHAM	5
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN	2	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON	6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	3	WILLIAM T. LAST	7
FREDERICK J. SMITH	4	NORMAN R. BAILEY	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by N. R. BAILEY.

First peal in the method as conductor.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

GRAVELEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 12, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

LEONARD FIDLER	*Treble*	GEORGE CHERRY	4
ERNEST W. DAY	2	HERBERT E. DAY	5
ERNEST J. NEWELL	3	GEORGE T. CROFT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE T. CROFT.

The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, also Mr. J. Gray for having everything in readiness.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, for evensong, on Ascension Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: C. F. Page 1, W. Wagstaff 2, A. Pratt 3, E. Stratton 4, H. Summers 5, R. Olney 6, C. A. Pratt (conductor) 7, A. Franklin 8.

MALINS LEE, SALOP.
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.
(ST. CHAD'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 11, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*SAMUEL SNELSON	*Treble*	DENNIS J. BOUCHER	4
*JAMES E. LILLEY	2	*REGINALD POLE	5
CHARLES R. LILLEY	3	*ALBERT WOODVINE	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Minor. The ringers of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th hail from St. Chad's, Salop. The band wish to thank the Rev. E. Parry for the use of the bells and for congratulating them upon scoring the peal, and Mr. Woodbine, the captain of the Malins Lee band, for his kindness in having everything ready.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 13, 1921, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Roystone Delight, London Scholars' Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, Duke of York, New London Pleasure and Oxford. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM BRAMHAM	*Treble*	THOMAS W. HILTON	4
FGERTON G. NICHOLLS	2	ARTHUR PANTHER	5
ARTHUR GILL	3	CHARLES WALSH	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PANTHER.

Specially arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

PYTCHLEY, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 15, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.

CECIL CHAPMAN	*Treble*	†RONALD F. LAWRENCE	3
R. WILLIAM LAWRENCE	2	JOHN SADDINGTON	4

*REGINALD WILLIAMSON *Tenor*

Conducted by C. CHAPMAN.

* First peal † First peal of Grandsire on an inside bell.

CHATTERIS, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 18, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

FRANK ROWLINSON	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. WALDRON	4
JOHN J. JUTSON	2	*ARTHUR J. ABRAMS	5
GEORGE H. BARKER	3	RUPERT RICHARDSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

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

HANDBELL PEALS.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Monday, June 13, 1921, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

IN KING'S COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

E. G. BENSON (St. Cath.)	1—2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens')	5—6
†H. G. BENSON (King's)	3—4	*F. J. MUSTILL (Downing)	7—8

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' pair.

EAST GRINSTEAD.—At St. Swithin's Church, on Thursday, after the funeral of Canon Leach, a touch of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 882 changes, was rung half-muffled, in 45 mins.: T. Potter 1, W. Mills 2, G. Hewitt 3, N. E. Cope 4, H. Coomber 5, T. Tullett 6, J. Wren (conductor) 7, J. Pelling 8.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, June 14, 1921, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,
AT 11, QUEEN ANNE TERRACE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES:

H. G. BENSON ... ... 1—2 | *J. B. WOOLLEY ... ... 5—6
W. H. J. HOOTON ... ... 3—4 | †E. G. BENSON ... ... 7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal on an 'inside' pair. † First peal away from 1—2. This composition has 66 short courses.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, June 16, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,
AT 11, QUEEN ANNE TERRACE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

*E. G. BENSON ... ... 1—2 | *J. B. WOOLLEY ... ... 5—6
W. H. J. HOOTON ... ... 3—4 | *H. G. BENSON ... ... 7—8

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES.
Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. This is the first peal in the method 'in hand' for the Association.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, June 17, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by
ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by the Performer.
Umpire: GEORGE JORDAN. Witness: CHARLES JORDAN.

EALING.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Friday, June 17, 1921, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT 69, BALFOUR ROAD, WEST EALING,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

GEORGE E. HARBOUR... ... 1—2 | †HAROLD P. JAMES ... ... 5—6
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 3—4 | *DOUGLAS E. HARBOUR ... 7—8

Composed and Conducted by J. A. TROLLOPE.

* First peal. † First peal on handbells.

5,039 STEDMAN CATERS.

By JOHN CARTER.

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Repeat the above, omitting bob at 1 produces

123456
154237698 S 1, 2, 6, 11.

Repeat from first course to the 23rd.
Rung at Gosforth, April 23rd, 1921, conducted by W. H. Barber.

5,000 DOUBLE BOB ROYAL.

By Rev. H. LAW JAMES.

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— 350896742 —	45326	—	S	1
563482079 —	24356		—	3
426759308	52346		—	3
— 429078635 —	53426		—	2
— 428305967 —	25436		—	3
352647890	Repeat from S omitting the M.			

Rung at Surfleet on April 16th, 1921, conducted by the Composer.

DEATH OF MR. S. G. HODGES.

A DORSET WORTHY.

It was with sincere regret that his many friends in Dorchester and district heard of the passing away of Mr. Sydney George Hodges. This well-known and esteemed Durnovarian for more than 30 years carried on the business of electrical and general engineer, and on his retirement seven years ago, went to live with his son, who has a drapery business at North Cadbury, Somerset. It was here that the deceased breathed his last on May 29th, at the age of 72.

During his residence in Dorchester, Mr. Hodges was a keen and enthusiastic ringer. For some years he was the popular captain of St. Peter's belfry, and in those days change ringing was little practised in the county. Although he had then reached over 50 years nothing daunted him. His ambition was that St. Peter's should be a change-ringing society, and with the advent of Mr. Geo. White (the present Ringing Master of the Dorchester branch of the Salisbury Guild) his ambition was fulfilled, for on February 4th, 1902, the first peal (Grandsire Triples) rung in the county by a local band was an accomplished fact at St. Peter's, Dorchester. 'Like father like son,' was exemplified on that occasion, for Mr. Hodges and his two sons rang in the peal. Altogether he rang four peals in his beloved tower of St. Peter's, and made several attempts in this and other towers in the county. He also mastered Stedman, Treble and Plain Bob, and was a very fine striker. He was great at raising and falling in peal, and always took the lead. Throughout his long connection, it was a joy to him to be in the tower, either to ring for Sunday service or practice. He attended regularly the quarterly meetings of the Dorchester branch of the Salisbury Guild, and was known as the 'Father' of the branch. He was the means of effecting considerable improvements in the ringing chamber of St. Peter's, which is regarded as being one of the most comfortably arranged in the Diocese. He was the donor of a fine peal board which takes up one side of the chamber, for recording the peals rung in the tower, surmounted by a artistic wrought iron work, and has been commented on by visitors to the belfry, and in 'The Ringing World.' He also gave a peal of handbells and several books and works on campanology. In addition, he made a hand rail of steel piping from the bottom of the tower to the belfry door. This work he was very proud of, for no doubt it was 'well done,' and has proved a great boon to the ringers while ascending and descending the tower.

A lovable man of genial disposition the deceased made a host of friends, by whom much sympathy is extended to his four sons, three of whom are in Canada.

Mr. Hodges took great interest in his lodge of Oddfellows, as well as in bell ringing.

The mortal remains were taken to Dorchester and laid to rest by the side of the late Mrs. Hodges. The St. Peter's ringers paid a last tribute to the memory of their revered comrade by attending the funeral, sending a beautiful wreath, and ringing muffled touches on the bells.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN DIVISION.

A most successful quarterly meeting of the Northern Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at Robin Hood's Bay on Saturday, June 4th. Considering the difficulties of train service the meeting was fairly well attended, Pickering, Helmsley, Thornaby, and Scarborough being the chief towers represented. By the kind permission of the Rev. J. W. E. Walker, Vicar of Robin Hood's Bay, the bells of the Parish Church were available during the afternoon and evening, the visitors making good use of the privilege, several touches in the popular methods being enjoyed by all. In the absence of the Rev. J. W. E. Walker through illness, the Rev. E. Drage, vice-president of the Association, conducted a short service in the church. In his helpful address, the vice-president not only expressed his own appreciation of the ringers' work, but pointed out the great opportunity for good that was given them in the execution of their art.

An excellent tea was provided in the Church Hall by the lady ringers of Robin Hood's Bay, and a business meeting followed.—The Chairman, the Rev. E. Drage, expressed his regret on hearing that Mr. T. W. Robbins, of Helmsley, a member of the District Committee, as well as the General Committee of the Yorkshire Association, was leaving the district. Since the re-organisation of this Northern District, in March, 1920, Mr. Robbins has done much to help the ringers, not only in his own tower, but in the neighbouring parishes as well. Pickering ringers in particular will miss his cheerful and ready help.—Mr. Alexander, of Robin Hood's Bay, was elected to take the place of Mr. Robbins on the General Committee.

The ringers had great pleasure in electing the Rev. C. Hone, Vicar of Whitby, and the Rev. J. W. E. Walker, Vicar of Robin Hood's Bay, as honorary members of the association. Three ringing members were also elected.

In view of a possible amalgamation between the Cleveland and North Yorkshire and the Yorkshire Association, it was decided to leave the fixing of the place and date for the next meeting in the hands of the District Committee.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to all who so kindly helped to make the day a great success.

'GANNY GUNTER' MAJOR.

Once upon a time there was a band of ringers in a beautiful country village. They had been well taught, could ring and strike all the Standard Methods, and were content. Their knowledge did not include Little Bobs, and the now well-known means of eradicating the faults in the methods they rang, yet they were happy.

By some chance an 'Expert' hit upon this spot to spend his well-earned holiday. He announced his coming, and an attempt for a peal of Double Norwich was arranged in his honour.

The eventful day arrived, and the great man asked the conductor to show him the composition, on which the following was produced for his inspection:—

5376 Double Norwich Major.

23456	1	4	6
53624	—	—	—
36524			—
62534	—		
32465	—	—	—
24365			— *
43265			—
62345	—		—
23645			—

'It's a six part,' said the conductor, 'and I am calling singles in the third and sixth parts instead of the bob marked with an asterisk; I shall also omit three consecutive bobs at 6, which will make it 5152.'

'Tut, tut,' said the Expert, 'don't you know that the great fault of Double Norwich is that it apparently will not permit of exactly 5,000 changes. If this number counts as a peal, why should we ring more? Now I have discovered the means of getting rid of this blemish, and will give you a practical illustration while we are ringing this peal.'.

The local men had heard that this was a great man indeed, and thought these were words of wisdom. So the Expert said he would only speak twice during the ringing, and on each occasion he would say 'Ganny Gunter.' When he said these magic words the treble must immediately make second's place and lead again, the other bells altering their work accordingly. For a few minutes he instructed them in these alterations, such as the bell starting the far places from the front must, after the dodge, go straight behind and do the last work, the bell, instead of making the near places, dodged in 3-4 and made the far places without a dodge, and so on; and then they started for the peal.

The striking was good, and it was like any other peal until the end of the second lead of the third course, when the visitor said 'Ganny Gunter.' The ringers carried out their instructions smoothly, and lo! the course end came up in four changes. Again, at the same place in another part, there was a 'Ganny Gunter,' and the course end came up as before.

Everything was going well, and only the conductor seemed to be troubled. He had already omitted three bobs at 6, and not being good at calculating mentally, was under the impression that too many changes had been cut out. Just as he reached the conclusion that the bells would come round in exactly 5,000 changes, his last single was due. His elation at the result of the 'G.G.'s' caused him to forget the change, and he shouted 'Bob,' and the peal was lost. Possibly the Expert could have saved the situation, but he had contracted only to speak twice, so could do nothing.

Then there was much discussion, not about the conductor's mistake, but on the question of 'Ganny Gunter.' The Expert said little except to remark that 'the variation from the method is so slight as to be negligible,' and on the Treble man saying that he had never made seconds before, he replied, 'The second's place is equivalent to a whole pull behind.'

Meanwhile the conductor had been trying the effect, on paper, of successive 'Ganny Gunters,' and suddenly shouted out, 'Why, it's a method.' The figures he showed were seven divisions of four changes, the following being the first five rows:—

12345678	Bob to move Treble
21436587	21436587
21345678	———
12436587	24135678
14263857	

'Yes,' said the Expert, 'it's a dwarf lengthening lead method, and either fourth's or sixth's instead of the whole pull behind would be correct as a bob. To get 5,000 changes the tenors must be parted, if ordinary bobs are used. To make the parting of the tenors unnecessary you must have a bob which changes the hunt bell,' and he marked the figures to show how this could be done. He also promised them the figures of a peal if they wished to ring it in either form; and shortly afterwards he left them.

Happiness and contentment went with him: the ringers in that beautiful spot cannot now agree on many points. Various questions arise, such as does the method remain Double Norwich when a 'Ganny Gunter' is introduced, or is it a peal in two methods? Should 'Ganny Gunter' Major be rung with ordinary bobs, or is it better to move the treble? And these questions are never satisfactorily answered, for Experts don't like to explain too much.

JOSEPH W. PARKER.

STEDMAN.

By GEORGE BAKER

Is it not time to recognise that Stedman is a symmetrical method and worthy of symmetrical treatment?

The earliest exponents of this interesting method created difficulties for themselves and other people by dividing it into quick and slow sixes which do not exist, the second six rows are the reverse of the first six rows, and the whole forms a complete round block, the 12th row (6432715) being a simple transposition row with the 3rd the homing bell (formerly called pivot bell), characteristics that are found in every properly constructed method, principle, or system, which has rounds for the fundamental row.

Further difficulties were created by starting peals from 2314567, necessitating the use of a scale of course-ends foreign to the round block they were dealing with, a proceeding unheard of in other methods.

THE METHOD.

Plain.	Bobbed.		Singled.	
1 2 3 4 5 6 7	1 2 3 4 5 6 7		1 2 3 4 5 6 7	
2 1 3 5 4 7 6	2 1 3 5 4 7 6		2 1 3 5 4 7 6	
2 3 1 4 5 6 7	2 3 1 4 5 6 7	Bob	2 3 1 4 5 6 7	Single
3 2 4 1 6 5 7	3 2 4 1 5 7 6		3 2 4 1 5 6 7	
2 3 4 6 1 7 5	2 3 4 5 1 6 7		2 3 4 5 1 7 6	
2 4 3 1 6 5 7	2 4 3 1 5 7 6		2 4 3 1 5 6 7	
4 2 3 6 1 7 5	4 2 3 5 1 6 7		4 2 3 5 1 7 6	
4 3 2 1 6 5 7	4 3 2 1 5 7 6		4 3 2 1 5 6 7	
3 4 2 6 1 7 5	3 4 2 5 1 6 7	Bob	3 4 2 5 1 7 6	Single
4 3 6 2 7 1 5	4 3 5 2 1 7 6		4 3 5 2 1 6 7	
4 6 3 7 2 5 1	4 5 3 1 2 6 7		4 5 3 1 2 6 7	
6 4 3 2 7 1 5	5 4 3 2 1 7 6		5 4 3 2 1 7 6	
6 3 4 7 2 5 1	5 3 4 1 2 6 7		5 3 4 1 2 6 7	

It will be seen that the 3rd is the homing bell in all three round blocks, and that the simple transposition row (5432176) is the same in both bobbed and singled round blocks, consequently the following scale of course-ends hold good for bobs or singles.

Scale of Course-ends.

Bobs or Singles.

S	H	L	Q		
x				6 5 3 4 2 1	2 courses
x	x			6 3 5 4 1 2	5 ,,
x	x	x		6 1 4 5 3 2	3 ,,
x	x	x	x	2 1 5 4 3 6	2 ,,
x	x		x	2 3 4 5 1 6	5 ,,
x			x	1 5 4 3 2 6	2 ,,
x		x	x	1 2 3 4 5 6	1 ,,
x		x		6 2 4 3 5 1	2 ,,
	x			1 3 2 4 6 5	2 ,,
	x	x		1 6 4 2 3 5	5 ,,
	x	x	x	5 6 2 4 3 1	5 ,,
	x		x	5 3 4 2 6 1	3 ,,
		x		1 5 4 3 2 6	2 ,,
		x	x	6 5 3 4 2 1	2 ,,
			x	6 2 4 3 5 1	2 ,,

In addition, unpaired singles can be used at 1st and 10th calling positions without affecting the 7th, and when used in conjunction they produce 132465.

Single at 2nd position VI. produces 634125
Single at 9th position V. produces 452361.
Single at 11th position VI. produces 634125.
Single at 14th position V. produces 452361.

Following are two first sections of Thurstans' four-part, the first from 2314567 as heretofore, the second from rounds which is the proper and correct treatment of the method.

	S H L Q		S H L Q
2 3 1 4 5 6		1 2 3 4 5 6	
2 4 6 3 5 1	x x	6 2 4 3 5 1	x x
4 3 2 5 6 1	x x x	2 4 3 5 6 1	x x x
3 4 2 5 1 6	x	2 3 4 5 1 6	x

Apart from the fact that the latter version is the correct way to treat the method, there can be question which of the two versions would be more easily memorised by any young conductor.

Later on, if I can find the time, I hope to publish some original peals of my own composing, and thus make amends for the false peal published some years ago.

A MIDLAND COUNTIES PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your issue of 25th February, 1921, particulars were published of a peal of 5040 Kent Treble Bob Major rung at Long Eaton on the 29th January, 1921, but no society was mentioned. Particulars of this peal have now been sent in to me showing it as rung for this association, and I take it, therefore, the omission of the name of the association from the published report was an error.—Yours, etc.,

A. C. WRIGHT, Hon. Sec.
Midland Counties Association.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.

The annual meeting of North Bucks Branch was held at Shenley, on Saturday, June 11th, when about 70 ringers attended, representing the following towers: Bletchley, Beachampton, Bradwell, Calverton, Chicheley, Fenny Stratford, Great Horwood, Great Brickhill, Linslade, Laughton, Maids Moreton, Newton Longville, Newport Pagnell, North Crawley, Simpson, Stony Stratford, and the local ringers. The fine weather assisted considerably towards making the meeting a complete success. Shenley is the yearly venue of North Bucks Branch for the annual meeting, and is always looked forward to by its members with pleasure, for the president (the Rev. J. R. Vincent) always makes splendid arrangements. On this occasion the meeting was honoured with the presence of the Bishop of Buckingham, who kindly accepted the invitation to address the ringers. The beautiful church was completely filled, and thanks to the Shenley choir, a fully choral service was held. The Bishop took for his text, 'That ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called' (Ephesians iv. 1), and pointed out the essential duties of ringers towards their church.

After service, an adjournment was made to the Rectory grounds, where tea was served on the lawn.—The President proposed that three cheers be given for the Bishop of Buckingham upon his first visit to a North Bucks branch ringers' meeting. Needless to say these were enthusiastically given, and the Bishop suitably responded, and wished the branch every success.

The usual business meeting then took place. The hon. secretary presented the balance sheet, and gave a brief report of the work of the branch, which is stronger now than at any time since its formation, with 211 ringing members, 14 honorary members, and 28 towers in union.

The Rev. J. R Vincent was again elected president, and Mr. W. Sear, secretary and treasurer. The Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) and the Guild secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert) were present, and the former expressed his appreciation of the efforts that were being made in the organisation of the North Bucks Branch. This was most gratifying and encouraging.

Mr. R. T Hibbert gave a brief outline of the financial position of the Oxford Guild Memorial Fund, for which about £15 is still required.

The usual vote of thanks were extended to all those who had assisted in making the meeting such a complete success, and the motion was suitably responded to by all concerned.

The ringing included touches in methods ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor.

HEREFORD GUILD.

BREAKING FRESH GROUND.

On Saturday week, the Clifford District of the Hereford Guild held a quarterly meeting at Peterchurch, the first in the village, and there were ringers present from Gilwern, Clifford, Eardisley, Madley, Kingstone and Clehonger, together with the Rev. G. R. M. Ellwood, of Staunton-on-Wye, the Ringing Master (Mr. C. Edwards), the District Secretary), and the local band. The Vicar (the Rev. J. H. T. Kilgour) met the ringers on their arrival, and gave them a kindly welcome. The Guild form was used at the service, at which the Vicar gave a very interesting address on the origin of bells. Mr. S. T. Rackham, of the Gilwern band, very ably presided at the organ. After the service, 23 sat down to tea, at the conclusion of which the business meeting was held, the Vicar, who occupied the chair, giving the Guild a very hearty welcome to Peterchurch. His band were only young as yet, but he hoped they would profit by the visit of so many friends, and put their backs into it, and eventually become good change ringers.

Whitney-on-Wye was chosen for the next meeting, which will mean breaking fresh land again.—The Vicar became an honorary member, and the local band, probationers of the Guild, and the Ringing Master promised to visit them and give them what assistance he could.—The usual votes of thanks terminated the meeting.

Good use was made of the bells during the afternoon and evening, rounds being rung for the learners, who included a lady of the Clehonger band, and Grandsire, Canterbury Pleasure and Stedman Doubles for the rest, the finishing touch being the first 720 of Bob Minor on the bells, by: A. A. Rackham 1, E. R. Jones (first 720) 2, Alec A. Rackham 3, S. T. Rackham 4, J. P. Hyett 5. C. Edwards (conductor) 6. This brought to an end a very successful meeting.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Gainsborough District was held at Corringham, on Saturday last, ringers being present from Gainsborough, Stow, Scotter, Histon, Lindsey and Bigby, in addition to the local company.

The bells were available during the afternoon and evening, and were kept going to the standard methods.

An excellent tea was provided in the Schoolroom, and the business meeting which followed was presided over by the Rev. J. Barber (Rector of Stow). Apologies for absence were read from the Rev. Canon Hicks and the Rev. A. B. Peirce.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to Mrs. Prescott for so very kindly providing the tea, and also the Rev. J. Barber for presiding, were accorded.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

We would like to urge upon correspondents the necessity of sending on their communications to us as early as possible, as the dislocation of posts caused by the curtailment of train services, coupled with the new suspension of any Sunday work in the post office, is causing considerable delay in the delivery of letters.

June 28th is a date which revives sad memories in connection with ringing in Coventry, for it was on that date in 1885 that the famous bells of St. Michael's Church were rung for the last time, on account of the danger to the tower. Shipway, in his 'Art of Ringing,' published in 1816, says: 'Coventry has, at St. Michael's Church, a good peal of ten bells; tenor 31 cwt. in D,' and though Shipway never probably heard them himself he was by no means over lavish in his praise. The bells were one of the glories of the city.

They were cast in 1774 by Pack and Chapman, of Whitechapel, and the tenor was recast by John Briant, of Hertford, in 1805. For eighty years the bells hung in an independent frame carried up from the ground, but when the church was restored in 1885, and the western arch thrown open, the timber cage was ordered to be removed on account of its unsightliness. With the frame, the bells had to come down, and unhappily the proposal to build a detached bell tower for them never came to fruition. Eventually they were hung for chiming only in the octagon.

Records exist of peals rung upon these famous bells, including two in 1807—one of Grandsire Caters by the St. Martin's Youths, Birmingham, and the other, '6,140 Bobb Major Royal,' by the Society of Coventry Youths. Of those who took part in the final ringing of the bells on Sunday, June 28th, 1885, Mr. James George is the sole survivor.

The authority upon bells appointed by the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association is Mr. G. H. Phillott, M.A., M.S.A., 31, Promenade, Cheltenham, and ringers in the two dioceses whose bells require attention are requested to urge their Vicar and vestry to seek his advice before placing orders or when contemplating improvements or augmentations.

Will Corpl. A. Cullum, who called a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Peter's Church, Caversham, Oxon, on May 2nd, 1921, please communicate with P. Harrison, 14, Sheffield Street, Leicester, if he is the same A. Cullum, late of the R.F.C., Aircraft Park, Lympne, during the year 1917?

SIX BELL METHODS.

We are asked to state that the following 'regular' Minor Methods have been rung at Bucknall, and named:—

No 23.—4th's place Delight, page 19, on May 29th last, and named 'Burslem.'

No. 16.—3rd's place Delight, page 24, on May 31st last, and named 'Bucknall.'

No. 29.—Treble Bob, on June 7th last, and named 'Norton-le-Moors.'

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

THE WAR MEMORIAL.

The Cumberland Youths War Memorial is to take the form of a mural tablet to be fixed in the tower of the Church of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London. The cost of the tablet, fixing and faculty will be about £30. Towards this sum £15 2s. has been subscribed and promised, and another £15 is, therefore, required. It is strongly desired to put the work in hand as soon as possible, and members, especially country members, are earnestly invited to send their subscriptions at an early date to the hon. secretary of the society, or to the hon. secretary of the fund, Mr. H. J. Bradley, Christ Church Schools, Willesden Lane, N.W.6.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A good attendance and an ideal day from a ringer's point of view was all that was needed to make a combined practice meeting held at Curdridge on Saturday last, a success. The Church of St. Peter, a noble edifice which stands in the midst of what are now huge stretches of strawberry fields, is the possessor of a grand peal of bells (tenor 26 cwt. in D), which were heard to full advantage. By kind permission of the Vicar, the bells were available during the afternoon and evening, with an hour's interval for tea. The methods rung were: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major. Among those present were: Mr. G. Williams (Master), the Rev. E. Bankes James and his pupils, and members from Curdridge, Maidstone, Portsea, Southampton (St. Mary's), North Stoneham, Upham and Wickham. It is hoped that these summer meetings which up to the present are both pleasant and successful will be frequently held up to the end of the season.

MONKS KIRBY BELLS.

NOBLE ADDITION TO WARWICKSHIRE PEALS.

The old parish church of Monks Kirby, Warwickshire, now possesses a magnificent ring of eight bells, one of the finest peals in the county. For many years the six old bells had hung in the tower in a dangerous condition, and could not be rung with safety owing to the decayed and dilapidated state of the wooden beams and supports, and it was found necessary to remove all the old timber, etc., and to entirely rehang the bells with new fittings in new framework. This work was entrusted to Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and the bells are now a noble peal in their strong and massive iron frames on stout steel supporting girders. The fittings are of the most modern design, and contain all the many improvements that have been introduced by Messrs. Taylor, the most important, perhaps, being the patent ball bearings in which the bells swing, and everything is designed with a view to the strain placed on the structure of the tower by the thrust of the bells being reduced to an absolute minimum.

The six old bells have been tuned whilst at Messrs. Taylor's foundry, and two new trebles have been added to complete the octave. The bells are now a perfect peal, and the musical effect is very marked. The tenor, dating from 1618, note D natural, weighs between 24 and 25 cwt., and the total weight of the bells, fittings, frame, girders, etc., exceeds 15 tons.

The six old bells are very interesting, from an archæological point of view, the smallest, dated 1640, bearing the following inscription:—

My noble founders they have been so many,
Because not all I will not here name any.

The old 3rd bell, now the 5th of the ring of eight, is the most ancient bell of the peal, and from the marks and inscription it is probable that this bell was cast towards the middle of the 15th century. It may be mentioned, too, that this bell is supposed to have hung originally in the destroyed church of Stretton, and was at some time transferred to Monks Kirby Church.

The tower at Monks Kirby will henceforth undoubtedly prove a source of great attraction to bell ringers from all parts, furnished as it now is with such a magnificent ring of bells, and, most ideally situated in the midst of a charming country, it is likely that the village will become a great centre for campanology.

One of the most successful gatherings in the history of the Warwickshire Guild took place at Monks Kirby on Thursday, June 9th, for the dedication of the bells. The service was conducted by the Bishop of Coventry, and the church was filled. A band had been selected for the opening touch (three leads of Grandsire Triples), and was arranged as far as possible to include all the present and past officers of the Guild. It included A. Roberts (Master), E. H. Adams and J. George (ex-Masters), H. Argyle (Central Council representative), A. Wilkerson (hon. secretary), with T. W. Chapman (Nuneaton), and F. Pervin (Stoke-in-Coventry), Mr. J. Oldham represented Messrs. Taylor and Co., the founders. The band stood as follows:— Messrs. A. Roberts 1, H. Argyle 2, E. H. Adams 3, J. Oldham 4, T. W. Chapman 5, A. Wilkerson 6, F. E. Pervin 7, J. George 8. Upwards of 50 ringers were present during the afternoon and evening from Allesley, Birmingham, Burton-on-Trent, Coventry, Croft, Exhall, Leicester, Loughborough, Northampton, Nuneaton, Rugby, Sharnford, Stoke-in-Coventry, Wolsey and Warwick. What the number would have been had the opening been on a Saturday is difficult to tell. Everyone present was greatly impressed with the 'tone' and 'go' of the bells, several of the experts dubbing the peal the finest octave in the county, and the founders are to be congratulated on the excellent splice they have made. The selected band of ringers were invited to tea on the vicarage lawn, in company with the large number of inhabitants and others assembled. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening included London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich, Plain, and Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Triples.

The bells were lowered in peal about 8 p.m., after which Mr. H. Withers, of Birmingham, performed on the chiming apparatus, which has also been installed.

It was a red-letter day for the villagers, and one that will be remembered for many years to come.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at South Weald, on Saturday, June 11th. Many members were present from Brentwood, Barking, Romford, Ingatestone, Shenfield, Maldon, Chelmsford, Writtle, and the local company. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Kirby), assisted by the Rev. Hensman, of Bentley, who gave an excellent address.

Tea was held at the Tower Arms, and was followed by the usual business meeting.

Four new honorary members were elected, and two ringing members and nine probationary members, including four ladies from Brentwood.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Great Waltham.—Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the Rev. Hensman for his most excellent address, and Mr. A. E. Halls for presiding at the organ.

NEW METHODS.

CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Not long ago, I read an account of a gentleman who congratulated Edison on the invention of the electric bulb. The great scientist replied that it was not an invention, but a discovery. 'We knew,' said he, 'exactly what we wanted, which was a carbonised filament that would last for a thousand hours' use in a vacuum, and we set to work and carbonised everything that we could lay our hands upon until we found it.'

Now this is very true, but is no reason why Edison should not be given the credit of his discovery.

The idea put before the Central Council by Mr. Trollope is no new one. The old Greeks used to hold debate on the question: 'Was Hercules in the marble before the sculptor began to cut it?' But even allowing that he was, we must still allow credit to the sculptor for the beauty of the statue when he had removed all the stone that he did not require for his effect.

When Mr. Trollope says that all the methods have been worked out, he is making a very wide statement. I believe that all the Plain methods on eight bells have been produced, and a great many of those with a Treble Bob Hunt, but not all; a much larger number still remains to be investigated, and there is still plenty of work for the artist to find that which is good, and will be for a long time. For it will take the wholesale manufacturer a great many years yet before he has produced them all, good, bad and indifferent.

Take the case of Crofton Surprise as an example. I knew what I wanted before I set to work to discover it: A method in which the work of the bells 1-2 and 7-8, should show the beautiful symmetry that they here display, but I had to work out a great many methods before I found one that would produce a peal.

So much for eight bells, but what shall we say when we turn to ten and twelve? London Surprise Royal was possible from the days of the creation; but it took me nearly thirty years to discover it, and I was by no means the only one who was seeking it. Does Mr. Trollope mean to say that no credit is to be given to the men who spend their time and patient labour on producing methods that are excellent on ten and twelve bells?

The wholesale manufacturer cannot help us here. It takes 37 years to ring all the changes on twelve bells, but it would take more than ten times that time to produce all the methods.

If we are to have the very best possible, we must fall back upon the artists to produce them, and those who do get them are as worthy of receiving credit for their discoveries as were the men who produced the old Standard Methods.

Just one more word with regard to invention. There is still room for it. The man who first produced Oxford Treble Bob was an inventor. Others have discovered new methods that would fit in to the skeleton that he had drawn up. So we can have new skeletons invented, for which new methods may be discovered. No. II. is an example of this.—Yours truly, E. BANKES JAMES.

Crofton Surprise.

I.	II.
12345678	12345678
21435687	21436587
12346578	21345678
21364758	12436587
23167485	14263857
32614758	41628375
23164578	41263857
32615487	14628375
23651478	16482735
32564187	61847253
35261478	61482735
53624187	16847253
35642817	18674523
36548271	81764532
63584217	18675423
36852471	81765432
63584271	87156342
36852417	78513624
63825471	87516342
68324517	78153624
86342157	71835264
68431275	17385246
64832157	71832564
46381275	17382546
64316257	13728456
46132875	31274865
64312785	31728456
46137258	13274865
41632785	12347685
14623875	21436758
41268357	21347685
14628375	12436758
14263857	14263578

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SOUTHWELL BICENTENARY.

ABRAHAM RUDHALL AND HIS BELLS.

On Saturday week the bicentenary of the casting of Rudhall's peal of bells in Southwell Cathedral was celebrated by a meeting of the Midland Counties Association. A peal of bells, cast by Thomas Clay, of Leicester, had been hung in the tower in 1712 to replace those lost in the previous year by fire. These bells apparently did not meet with the approval of the inhabitants, and a subscription was raised to have the bells recast. Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester, was entrusted with the task, and he undertook (so we read in Mr. W. A. James' little history of the Cathedral bells) after the eight old bells were delivered to him at Budely (now spelt Bewdley), to melt them down and make a new peal 'that shall be in the judgment of any three or more understanding and judicious persons in musick, as good and tuneable and have as sweet and harmonious notes or tones as the bells at Newark,' which were lately cast by the said Abraham Rudhall, the whole to cost £100. In due course the old bells went to Bewdley and thence down the Severn to Gloucester, were recast and returned to Bewdley and eventually put up in the Minster.

On 25th August, 1721, Rudhall wrote the following letter:—

'To the Revd. Mr. Timothy Caryl, Residentiary at Southwell near Newarke upon Trent in Nottinghamshire, via London, Gloucester, ye 25 of Aug. 1721.

'Reverend Sr.

'I understanding ye are now Residentiary ye comes to inform ye yr Bells was this day weighd in ye presence of Mr. Charles Hyett and his Bro. Mr. Benj: who I suppose will give yo an account of ye weight as followeth

	cwt.	qur.	£
The Treble	07.	02.	25
The second	07.	02.	90
Third	08.	00.	10
Fourth	10.	01.	11
The fifth	12.	03.	19
Sixth	15.	00.	06
The Seventh	18.	03.	25
The eighth	27.	03.	27
Ton.			
in all 5.	08.	02.	20
Ton.			

'The old ones weighd in all 5. 12. 01. 24 so ye new ones are 03. 03. 04 lighter yn yo old and ye waste of mettle being four pound weight allowed to each hundred weight for what ye old Bells weighd amounts to 04. 00. 01. so ther's due to me for twenty five pounds of mettle

	£	s.	d.
	001.	05.	00
For casting the Bells	100.	00.	00
In all due	101.	05.	00

'I think the bells are full as good as Newarke and as deep toned, although they are not so heavy. The bells goes from hence on Munday morning next and ye Person yt takes ym saith he shall be at Beawdsly on Wednesday or Thursday next and Mr. Powell is to take ym from him ye 2nd of ye next month, soe I suppose ye will receive ym at Southwell ye 6th or 7th Sept: I hope Sr yo will imploy Francis Wrigley of Manchester to hang ym he being as I believe ye Skillfullest Person in England in ye business. After they are hung and rung ten or twelve days if ye please Sr to give me a line how they are approved off direct to me in ye Northgate Street, I shall acknowledge myself very much obliged to ye, Sr, and take it as a great Favour conferd upon, Sr, yr most

'Humble Servant,

'Abr. Rudhall Junr.'

Some 60 ringers were present at the bicentenary celebration, and were welcomed at the tower by the Rector (the Ven. W. J. Conybeare), who himself rang the treble to a touch of Grandsire Triples. Touches of Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major followed, and afterwards the Rector presided at tea, being supported by the Rev. C. J. Sturton (Orston), the Rev. F. J. Wilkinson (Mansfield), Mr. Pryce Taylor (of the Loughborough Foundry), Mr. T. H. Kirkby (hon. secretary of the district), Mr. W. E. White (late secretary of M.C.A.), and members from Caythorpe, Cotgrave, Bolsover, Daybrook, Beeston, Nottingham, Long Bennington, Loughborough, Worksop, Swanwick, Mansfield, Retford, Mansfield Woodhouse, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Oraton and Radcliffe-on-Trent.

On returning to the tower, the Rector spoke of the occasion upon which they had all met, and mentioned that the Cathedral Library contained the letter (quoted above) sent to the Residentiary in 1721, giving the day that the bells would arrive after being recast. The Rector thanked the members most heartily for their presence, and mentioned that he himself began to ring at nine years of age, but, unfortunately, he was pulled up by a rope and came down on a window ledge. Although severely shaken, he escaped unhurt. It damped his ardour, and he did not ring again for about three years; then he again took up the art as keenly as ever. He also spoke of change ringing being very peculiar to England, although it was extending to the Colonies, as he had had the pleasure of ringing in New South Wales. Bell ringing and the brotherhood of bell ringers wielded a great influence in the Church, a great bond existing amongst the associations or brotherhood working together. The Rector thanked them, too, on behalf of the local ringers who were trying to take their place along with other towers, and he was very grateful to them for keeping the bells going for Sunday services. During the war they rarely heard more than six going, but he (the Rector) was glad when he heard eight again. That told us the war was over, and the ringers coming home. In conclusion, he thanked the hon. secretary (Mr. T. H. Kirkby) for helping to make the arrangements with the members.

Mr. T. H. Kirkby proposed a vote of thanks to the Archdeacon for presiding, and the local band for the tea arrangements.

The Rev. F. J. Wilkinson, of Mansfield, seconded, saying how pleased they were at the invitation extended to them to celebrate the bicentenary of the bells.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOCKPORT BRANCH.

The Stockport Branch held its third meeting of the year, at Rostherne on Saturday last, when about 30 members and friends attended.

The Vicar (the Rev. T. A. Hanson) conducted the service in the church, and gave an interesting address. Tea was served in the Parish Room, and was followed by the usual business meeting.—Mr. W. Wolstencroft presided, in the absence of the branch chairman, and in opening the meeting, gave a few words of encouragement to the young members of the local band, who were enrolled members of the Guild only at the last meeting, held on May 7th.—The Hon. Secretary (the Rev. A. T. Beeston) endorsed the words of encouragement given by the chairman, and apologised for the absence of the Vicar, who had expressed his pleasure at the visit of the Guild to Rostherne, members being present from the neighbouring branch of Graffenhall, the pleasure which their company afforded was remarked upon. The Hon. Secretary went on to mention his position on the Literature and Press Committee of the Central Council, and asked that all who could, would assist him by bringing to his notice any detrimental report on bells and ringers which appeared in the columns of the Press.

A letter of apology regretting his absence from the branch chairman was read.

Taxal was fixed as the place of the next meeting, to be held either on October 1st or 8th, whichever the hon. secretary may find the more convenient date.

Two new members were elected, one being the twelve-year-old daughter of the chairman of the meeting.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the authorities for permitting the meeting to be held and for the use of the bells, and to all who assisted in making the meeting a pleasant one.

Rostherne is a picturesque and pleasant village, situated in a delightful part of the country, which is now looking its best. It is ornamented by a large and beautiful sheet of water called 'Rostherne Mere,' and on its steep banks stands the venerable pile dedicated to St. Mary, ascertained to have been built previous to the twelfth century. The tower is of stone, erected in 1538. It was rebuilt in 1742, and contains a heavy ring of six bells, tenor 20cwt. These were well requisitioned during the day, the methods rung ranging from Cambridge Surprise down to Doubles. Looking over the Mere from the churchyard a splendid view presents itself, while, as the bells 'stand,' and the last notes die away, the echo across the water is heard, at least a whole pull after, like the notes of an organ dying away.

J. P. F.

STOW & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the above was held at Hilgay (Norfolk), on Saturday, June 4th. Members were present from Thetford, Fincham, Stow, Wallington, Denver, Gaywood, Terrington St. John, Shouldham, and the local company. Touches of Oxford Treble Bob and Bob Major were rung during the afternoon and evening, and 21 members sat down to tea. The usual business followed, presided over by the Rector. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Gaywood, on Saturday, July 16th.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, also for presiding over the meeting.

BARLEY RINGERS AMONG THE BELLS.

On Saturday, June 11th, the Barley ringers, belonging to the Hertford Association, went for a ringing tour. Starting at 7.30 a.m., with a short touch of Grandsire at their own parish church, they proceeded on cycles to the towers of Great Chishill, Heydon, Elmdon, Chrishall, Wenden's Ambo, Littlebury, Ickleton and Stapleford. Touches of Kent Treble Bob Minor, Plain Bob Minor, Stedman Doubles, Grandsire Doubles, etc., were rung during the day. One of the Barkway band also accompanied them, and a very pleasant day was spent amongst the bells. The Barley ringers wish to thank the clergy for the use of the bells, and also the ringers for the hearty reception given them.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

May we ask those who send us compositions for this page to be kind enough to prove their figures first. Another false touch appeared last week—the 1,280 of Cambridge Major.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HILLINGDON.—At St. John the Baptist's, for evensong, on June 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: S. Honor (first quarter-peal) 1, Miss N. Williams 2, P. Jones 3, H. Chandler 4, W. Honor 5, R. Carter 6, E. Hancox (conductor) 7, A. Ludley 8.

ABBOT'S LEIGH, SOMERSET.—For a memorial and dedication service, on Sunday, June 19th, 360 Bob Minor, with the bells muffled: T. Atherton 1, G. Bennett 2, T. Wyatt 3, G. Chamberlain 4, L. Moore (conductor) 5, E. Frampton 6. After service, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: T. Atherton 1, E. Frampton 2, G. Bennett 3, J. Ackerman 4, L. Moore 5, T. Wyatt (conductor) 6.

ACTON.—On Sunday, June 19th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Easton 1, Miss I. Hastie 2, H. Wincote 3, S. D. Breeze 4, B. E. Rootes 5, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 6, C. Edwards 7, R. Fardon 8.

FULBOURN, CAMBS.—Ely Diocesan Association.—For evening service, on Sunday, June 19th, at the Church of St. Vigor and All Saints' a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 51 mins.: J. Page 1, J. Stalley 2, C. Hall 3, J. Giddens 4, C. E. Patten 5, A. Page 6, G. Bridge 7, B. D. Buttress (conductor) 8.

TRING. — On Sunday, June 19th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: *H. Bull 1, F. J. Reeve (conductor) 2, *F. Keen 3, F. C. Reeve 4, F. Waterton 5, T. Wright 6, H. Heley 7, N. Brackley 8. * First 504.

HESTON.—At St. Leonard's Church, on Sunday, June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: *T. J. Barker 1, G. Gladman 2, C. Edwards 3, C. S. Bird 4, H. Chandler 5, H. Harding 6, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7, *W. Lovett 8. * First quarter-peal.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Sunday, June 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. A. Fosdike 1, E. J. Pannett 2, A. G. Bennington 3, J. Law 4, W. J. Jeffries 5, T. A. Easterby 6, E. B. Crowder (conductor) 7, C. H. Macklin 8.

ARKSEY, DONCASTER.—On Sunday, June 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 45 mins.: G. Clark 1, L. Beardsmore 2, F. Beardsmore 3, F. Clark (conductor) 4, H. Woodhouse 5, E. Arrand 6, T. Revill 7, H. Trout 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all except the ringer of the treble, and first quarter-peal of Major as conductor.

CLEATOR MOOR, CUMBERLAND. — At St. John's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, June 12th, 720 Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering: F. H. Tembey 1, J. Joyce 2, T. H. Kewley 3, W. Myers 4, D. Atkinson 5, J. Hutchinson (conductor) 6, J. Kewley 7, H. Borrowdale 8. The band only commenced to learn this method at Easter, and this was their first 720.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, June 12th, for evening service, 1,152 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 44 mins.: J. Coleman 1, R. Loveday 2, D. Redhead 3, C. Wilson 4, A. Wilson 5, A. Bellamy 6, L. Wyman 7, J. Nickerson (conductor) 8.

LONDON. — On Sunday, June 12th, for evening service, at St. Alphage, Greenwich, S.E., 1,241 Stedman Caters: T. H. Taffender (conductor) 1, W. Rushton (longest length on ten bells) 2, J. R. Gammon 3, I. G. Shade 4, J. J. Lamb 5, E. J. King 6, R. G. Chappele 7, H. Hoskins 8, W. H. Pickett 9, W. Berry 10.

KNOWLE, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, June 5th, in 47 mins., with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): C. Holland 1, V. W. Rigg 2, G. A. Martineau 3, E. C. Shepherd (conductor) 4, H. Bragg 5, W. H. Smith 6. Rung on the occasion of the dedication of the memorial chapel in the church by the Bishop of Birmingham.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM. — On Sunday, June 5th, 1,008 Grandsire Triples: W. Philpotts 1, C. Starkey 2, W. G. Ellis (composer and conductor) 3, E. Mullins 4, F. Jones 5, S. Danby 6, E. Wood 7, E. Starkey 8.

DEPTFORD.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Sunday, June 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: S. E. Daynes 1, John W. Billing 2, F. Barnes 3, D. F. Ward 4, R. A. Riches (conductor) 5, W. H. Daynes 6, G. H. Daynes 7, W. H. Billing 8. Rung on the anniversary of the wedding of the Vicar, the Rev. T. W. Pitman and Mrs. Pitman. This quarter-peal contains the 24 6-7's.

LONDON. — On Sunday, May 29th, for evening service, at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, S.E., 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. G. Chappele 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, E. J. King 3, Miss G. Bateman 4, I. J. Attwater 5, G. A. Card 6, H. J. Gummer 7, A. D. Barker 8.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDSHIRE. — On Sunday, May 22nd, for evening service, 840 Grandsire Doubles: G. Fayne 1, C. Edwards 2, C. Morris 3, W. Dufty 4, A. Colcomb 5, D. Jones 6. Longest length by ringers of 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

GLOSSOP.—At St. James's Church, Whitfield, for evening service, on Sunday, May 22nd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: J. Buckley 1, W. Marsden 2, T. Jackson 3, J. Marsden 4, F. Sarside 5, J. H. Pemberton (conductor) 6, H. Bradley 7, J. Lawton 8. Joe H. Pemberton, formerly of Glossop, now of Wednesbury, Birmingham, was on a visit to his native town.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—On May 22nd, at St. Michael's Church, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: J. Sweetland 1, Wm. Chapman 2, *C. Tarr 3, R. Scott (conductor) 4, Wm. Cross 5, H. Norman 6, A. J. Andrews 7, J. Carter 8. Another 504 for evening service; and on May 25th, a quarter-peal by the same band. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1 and 3. First quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by 5.

BAGSHOT, SURREY.—At the Parish Church, on Whit-Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: Miss Margery Wood 1, Miss Mabel Nye 2, J. Corbett 3, H. Stapleton 4, T. Gould 5, H. Gould 6, F. Nye (conductor) 7, W. Varndell 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: Miss Margery Wood 1, Miss Mabel Nye 2, J. Corbett 3, H. Stapleton 4, H. Gould (first as conductor) 5, T. Gould 6, F. Nye 7, W. Varndell 8.

TRING, HERTS.—On a recent Sunday, for evening service, 560 Grandsire Triples: F. Hounsell 1, F. J. Reeve (conductor) 2, F. Keen 3, F. Reeve, junr., 4, F. Waterton 5, T. W. Wright 6, H. Heley 7, N. Brackley 8. Longest length by ringers of 3rd with a bob bell; also by ringer of the tenor.

BLETCHLEY.—Oxford Guild, North Bucks Branch.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 49 mins.: F. Stonton 1, W. Mead 2, J. Mead 3, C. Matthews (London) 4, F. Whitehead 5, H. Sear 6, W. Sear (conductor) 7, C. Garner (first quarter-peal) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On a recent Sunday, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: A. Harman (conductor) 1, G. Marriner 2, W. E. Otway 3, A. Brown 4, A. H. Winch 5, H. Boxall 6, A. C. Otway 7, E. Hull 8, A. Dean 9, W. Lynch 10. Also a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 43 mins.: W. Messam 1, W. E. Otway 2, G. Marriner (conductor) 3, H. Boxall 4, A. C. Otway 5, A. Harman 6, E. Hull 7, A. Dean 8.

USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

560 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

S	572634	1
	345267	2
	243756	5
S	342756	4
	423756	4
	234756	4
S	432756	4
S	524367	3
	325746	5
	253746	4
P.L.	234567	4

Reduced to 434 by bobs at 2, 1, instead of 5, 4 at end.

J. F. Penning.

1,260 STEDMAN TRIPLES.

231456	S	H	L	Q
345261		x		x
125346		x	x	
215364		x		
132654	x	x		x
312645		x		

Twice repeated.

W. A. Cave.

514 STEDMAN CATERS.

231456								
312654	1	5S	6	16				
213456		5		16				
213654		5S		16				
312456		5		16				
123456	3	4	6	8	9	10	11	12	13

106 by calling 5 16S 5 16 for 3 middle courses, and 298 by 5S 16.

A. Walker.

720 DOUBLE OXFORD OR ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MINOR.

23456	
56423	2
34562	1
62534	2
45623	1
S 25364	3
P.L. 32456	1

Five times repeated with extra bob at end of 2nd, 4th and 6th parts.

H. W. Wilde.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

VISIT OF MR. GABRIEL LINDOFF

The quarterly meeting of the Southern District was held at Doncaster on Saturday last, and, considering the restricted travelling facilities, was very well attended, about 40 members being present from Adwick-le-Street, Arksey, Bolsterstone, Sheffield, Rotherham, Rawmarsh, Selby, Tickhill, Treeton, Wortley, and the local band.

The meeting was honoured by a visit from Mr. G. Lindoff, of Dublin, who was spending a short holiday in the neighbourhood, and good practice was obtained in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Minor, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, and Double Norwich. Owing to only six having sent in their names no tea could be arranged, but all were able to be supplied at the cafes in the town.

The business meeting was held in the ringing chamber, the vice-president (Mr. F. Willey) being in the chair.

Mr. Brearley, of Bolsterstone, gave the association a cordial invitation to visit that place for the next meeting on Saturday, September 17th, and this was accepted.

Six new members were elected to the association, these being Messrs. W. Noble, Ranmoor; J. Hewitt, Wragby; L. Beardsmore, Arksey; and J. H. Humphries, W. Ashman, A. Tomlinson, of Eckington. A short service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Archdeacon Sandford, M.A.). In a brief and interesting address the Archdeacon, after welcoming the association to his Parish Church, touched upon the work of the new Parochial Councils, and referred to the interesting fact that the organist and ringers were not under the control of that Council, but were under the charge of the Vicar and him alone. The assistant organist, Mr. P. Saville, officiated at the organ, which added to the enjoyment of the service, and at the close he kindly played two selections on this very fine instrument, which is one of the few in England which have five manuals. The brief recital was very much enjoyed by those present.

A hearty vote was accorded to the archdeacon for the use of the bells and for his address, to the organist for his kind services, and to the local company for having everything in readiness. The bells were kept going in the various methods until 9 p.m.

PRESS ATTACKS ON RINGING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I wish to correct at the earliest moment your view of what I said at the C.C. meting re 'Attacks on ringing in the Press.' What I tried to say was that we had found it best not to reply at all, as replies only brought more complaints. Trusting you will make this correction.—Yours truly,

W. A. CAVE.

WEDDING BELLS.

At the Church of St. George and Mary, Cockington, Devon, on Wednesday, June 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) was rung in 43 minutes, to celebrate the wedding of Mr. J. Mayne to Miss Horwill; also of Miss Olive Browning, eldest daughter of Mr. G. Browning, captain of the local band, to Mr. C. Buckley, of Witham, Essex. The ringers were: William Dilling 1, Alfred W. Bowers (conductor) 2, James Olding 3, John Hawes 4, Frederick Plymsol 5, John Blight 6. First quarter-peal for treble, 4th, 5th and 6th.

A RINGERS' OUTING.

The annual outing of the Bonvilston Guild of Ringers took place on Saturday, June 11th. Several friends were invited, and it was a merry party that set out for Porthcawl, despite the gloomy appearance of the weather. The drive down by charabanc being somewhat chilly, the party felt the need of some brisk exercise. This need was met by taking a sharp walk over the golf links, and when the members returned to dinner, a hearty meal was made.

The afternoon was spent in visiting the quaint old Church of Newton Nottage. Touches of Doubles were rung, and then the party adjourned to tea. The remainder of the time was spent in various ways. In the cool of the evening, the return journey was begun. This was done fairly early, as the band wished to visit Bridgend tower, which possesses a fine peal of eight. The ringing here was thoroughly enjoyed, the only regret being that more time could not be spent in the tower. Thanks are due to those who were responsible for obtaining the bells, both at Bridgend and Newton Nottage.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Wolvey on Saturday, May 21st. The weather was gloriously fine, and enabled most of the members who attended to cycle. Ringers were present from Allesley, Coventry, Croft, Higham, Hinckley, Nuneaton, Sharnford, Stoke Golding, Stoke Coventry, Stoney Stanton, and the local band. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles Cambridge Minor, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Double Bob, Double Stedman, Slow Course and Plain Bob.

The Ringing Master and Hon. Secretary personally thanked the Vicar for his kindness in allowing the use of the bells, and the Vicar said he was pleased to welcome the Guild, and hoped to have the pleasure of seeing them again.

NOTICES.

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for practice on Mondays at 7.30 p.m.: St. Clement Danes, June 27th. Sundays at 10 a.m.; St. Clement's, 1st and 3rd; Bishopsgate, 2nd and 4th.—A. D. Barker, Hon. General Sec., Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice:—St. Martin's, first Monday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Bride's, second Saturday, 5 p.m.; Shoreditch, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Services, 2nd and 4th Sundays, 5 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

ST. ALPHEGE, GREENWICH (10 bells).—Practice will be resumed on Friday evening June 24th, from 7.30 to 9 p.m.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Clent on June 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at the Vine for all who notify me at 1/6 per head. Business meeting afterwards.—O. Davies, Branch Sec., 29, Hampton Street, Netherton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at the Blackburn Parish Church, on Saturday, June 25th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The district Quarterly meeting will be held at Earls Colne, on Saturday, June 25th. See notice next week.—Bert Redgwell, Sec., Rayne, Nr. Braintree, Essex.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.—(Established 1623.)—The 298th Anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Monday, June 27th. Ringing commences at 9 a.m. All ringers are cordially invited. A meat tea will be held at 5 p.m., and those wishing to be present should notify the Secretary not later than the 24th.—R. A. Strong, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 25th, at Hersham. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome.—H. T. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, June 25th. St. Peter's tower (10 bells) open from 3 to 5. The Abbey bells will be available after tea. Tea arrangements will be made on the day. All ringers and friends welcome.—Wm. Nash, North Mymms, District Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tytherington on Saturday, June 25th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, by kind permission of the Rev. E. C. Bedford, on Saturday, June 25th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5.30. Tea, at a small cost, at 6.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Berks and Bucks Branch.—The Summer meeting of this branch will be held at Beaconsfield, on Saturday, June 25th. Evening service (Guild booklet) at Parish Church at 5 p.m., with an address by Rev. E. J. Teesdale, M.A. An invitation to take tea with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bennett has again been kindly offered to the members and ringing friends. It is hoped Lady Burnham will preside at the Burnham Hall. A short musical entertainment will follow. Tower and handbells available by permission of the Rector and Churchwardens.—W. H. Fussell, Farnburn Avenue, Nr. Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, June 25th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6 o'clock. Please note the time. All ringers welcome.—I. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — A meeting at Tickhill on Saturday, June 25th. Eight bells at 2.30. Tea at 5, 1/6 per head. Buses run from Doncaster. All ringers welcome.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—A cordial invitation has been received from Rev. S. Th. Lockyear for the members to meet at Brabourne on Saturday, June 25th, at 3 o'clock.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The district quarterly meeting will be held at Earls Colne on Saturday, June 25th. Short service, with address, at 4.30, followed by tea, 1/- per head, at the 'White Lion.' —Bert Redgwell, Sec., Rayne, near Braintree.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Nottingham District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Colston Bassett on Saturday, June 25th. Ringing from 3 to 8 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. A motor will leave Trent Bridge 2.30, fare 3/- per head, including return journey. Will members and friends wishing to go please notify the Hon. Sec., Thos. H. Kirkby, 7, Selkirk Street, Carrington, Notts, by Tuesday, June 21st?

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.—By permission of the Vicar the bells will be available for ringing on Saturday, June 25th, from 2.30 p.m.—Fred R. Borrett.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting and an 8-bell contest will be held on Saturday, June 25th, at Kirkburton. Draw at 3.15 p.m. —W. Frith, Sec.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Kettering District.—The Annual meeting will be held at Burton Latimer on June 25th. Usual arrangements.—R. F. Turner, Hon. District Sec., 7, Gordon Street, Kettering.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A meeting will be held at Tong on Saturday, June 25th. Business meeting at 7.30 p.m. in Cricket Field. Bells available all day.—M. Moorhouse, Hon. Sec., 10, Mitford Road, Armley, Leeds.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Canterbury District.—The Annual meeting of this District will be held at Dover on Saturday, June 25th. The bells of St. Mary will be available from 3 o'clock to 4.30 and 6 o'clock to 7.30. Service at 4.30 at the Parish Church. Tea at 5 o'clock in the Parish Hall at 1/6 per head (allowance by Association 1/-). The bells of St. James' will also be available.—E. G. Buesden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on June 28th, at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards at the headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Rd., Clapham, S.W.4.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society). Established 1824.—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, July 2nd, at All Saints', Fulham. Tower open from 5 to 8 p.m. —F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Hillingdon (St. John's) on Saturday, July 2nd. Ringing from 3.30. Will arrange tea for all who let me know by June 27th. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Devizes Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Devizes on July 2nd at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Anyone requiring tea please advise me early.—Harold F. Brown, 45, West End, Westbury, Wilts.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Erdington, Birmingham, on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells available from 2 p m. Service at 4.30. Tea in Church House at 5.30, followed by business meeting. All who require tea should notify Miss Salter, 10, Station Road, Erdington. All ringers welcome. —Edith K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Rd., Enfield.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held in the Abbey Church House, Bath, on Saturday, July 2nd. Service in the Abbey at 3 p.m., at which the War Memorial will be dedicated. Business meeting to follow. Will any requiring tea communicate with Mr. T. C. Rich, 34, Belvedere, Bath, not later than Tuesday, June 28th? Bells available will be published next week.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway, Avenue, Taunton.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The July meeting will be held at Handsworth on Saturday, July 2nd. Eight bells open at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1/6 per head. Those who require tea must notify Mr. J. Garth, Main Road, Handsworth, Sheffield, not later than June 29th.—Sam Thomas, 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 9th, at Leesfield. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., Middleton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Tring on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea and meeting after. All ringers welcome. Will all those intending to be present please notify me by July 7th, so that tea arrangements can be made?—F. J. Reeve, Hon. Dist. Sec., Clifton House, Tring, Herts.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Solihull on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (10) available from 3.30. Tea will be arranged at the Masons' Arms Hotel for those who advise me not later than July 5th of their intention to be present.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 41, Albert Rd., Handsworth, Birmingham.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. —The summer meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey on July 9th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the Abbey. Business meeting to follow.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec.

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IN MEMORY OF THE DEAD.

On Saturday last, at Ranmore Church, Sheffield, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major was rung in 47 mins., by: Sam Thomas (conductor) 1, G. M. Thorpe (first in the method) 2, J. Osguthorpe (first in the method) 3, J. E. L. Cockey 4, Francis Ward 5, J. Evinson 6, W. Burgar 7, Charles Hayner 8. This was rung with half-muffled clappers (subsequent to the failure of an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples by the same band), previous to the dedication by the Lord Bishop of Sheffield of a memorial cross and tablet, in honoured memory of the 60 men of Ranmoor, who laid down their lives for their country in the great war. Several well-struck touches of Stedman Triples were also brought round before and after the dedication, in which Messrs. J. Holman, R. W. Collier (T. O'Hara), and A. Hayner also took part.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, CHORLEY. — At St. John's Church, on Sunday, May 22nd, on the occasion of the unveiling of a memorial tablet to the memory of the fallen of the parish, who included four ringers, half-muffled touches of 504 Grandsire and 224 Plain Bob were rung for morning service, and for evening service a touch of 1,008 Plain Bob was brought round in 40 mins. The following ringers took part in each touch: E. Coxhead 1, R. Lancaster 2, H. Lucas 3, C. Salisbury 4, G. Bradley 5, V. Blackwell 6, W. Lancaster 7, A. Blackwell 8. This latter touch was the longest rung by ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 4, and also for No. 7 as conductor.

KINGS NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On April 16th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. Withers (conductor) 1, H. Williams 2, J. Withers, jun., 3, W. Ball 4, E. Ollaway 5, C. H. Webb 6, J. Withers 7, J. Johnson 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Johnson.

BARTON-IN-FABIS.—On Wednesday, April 27th, in 23 min., 720 Bob Minor, also 180 Double Court: E. Chamberlain 1, F. Priestly 2, C. Payne 3, W. Brown 4, J. W. Priestly 5, F. J. Tite (conductor) 6. First 720 by all except the conductor, also first on the bells by a local band.

HERTFORD. — Hertfordshire Association and the Hertford College Youths.—For confirmation service by the Bishop of St. Albans, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples, 1,260 changes, in 46 mins.: A. E. Cressey 1, R. Dore 2, V. Neale 3, G. Gray 4, J. Ladley 5, A. Wright 6, Col. H. Baker (conductor) 7, A. E. Akers 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by all except the conductor, who is to be congratulated on the progress of the band under his tuition.

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