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DISPUTED PEALS.

Those who desire to dispute the validity of a peal have to be very sure of their ground. There have been one or two recent instances in which performances have been brought into question, but in which the doubt has not, in the end, been substantiated. When a band publishes the report of a peal it does so, by an unwritten law, upon its honour, and any reflection upon a peal performance is a reflection upon the honour of the ringers, or, at all events, upon the conductor. For that reason especially no one should lightly assert that a peal claimed to have been rung was a false peal. When the assertion is made, he who casts the doubt should be able to prove his case up to the hilt, or, failing this, should honourably withdraw his statements.

It is, of course, possible, under certain circumstances, for a genuine disagreement to occur with regard to the bona fides of a peal, for ringers may have differing opinions as to the amount of clashing or the number of errors that may be allowed before a peal is disqualified. The best ringers permit very little latitude in this direction, but there are, unfortunately, a few who, so long as they can keep the bells more or less together, will claim anything as a peal provided rounds come up in the appointed place. Between these two extremes are many degrees of perfection and imperfection, and what ought, or ought not, to be admitted as a peal, is left to the honesty of those taking part. After all, peals are rung principally for the gratification of the ringers themselves, and quality—by which we mean good ringing, whether the method be Grandsire Triples or London Surprise—not quantity, should be the aim, for what satisfaction can there be to look back upon a badly rung peal? Quite certain it is that a number of indifferent performances are recorded as peals, but on the question of the striking, it is for the band to say whether or not a peal claim should be made.

When, however, it is a question of the truth or otherwise of a performance, there can be no question. A performance which, by any chance, falls short of the stipulated five thousand, in which there has been a repetition of changes, or a shift in the coursing of the bells, is rigidly ruled out, and it is flagrant dishonesty to claim it as a peal. It is, therefore, a serious reflection, especially upon a conductor, to say that he has published as a peal a performance which has been 'cooked.' We make these remarks without any special reference to the peal at Tilney All Saints, although it is the correspondence on this matter that has prompted us to put forward these views. Ringing history can furnish numerous instances of bitter controversy over the legitimacy of peals, but

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short of having an official umpire for every attempt, the Exercise must accept the word of the ringers, unless there are exceptional grounds for dispute. And then those who challenge a peal must be able to prove their case. Mere assertions without proof recoil upon the heads of those who make them.

TEN BELL PEAL.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 14, 1923, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

KEITH HART Treble	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... 6
FREDERICK WHITE 2	*WILLIAM LATTEY 7
*WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. 3	ROBERT J. DAWE 8
FRANK BENNETT 4	JOHN DEARLOVE 9
*HERBERT MARKWELL ... 5	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by F. BENNETT.

* First peal of Treble Ten. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. J. Dawe.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

TADCASTER, YORKS.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Monday, July 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*ALLEN DENNISON Treble	*JOHN HARRISON 5
THOMAS LANCASTER 2	HERBERT E. PICKERING ... 6
ERNEST H. LINDLEY 3	THOMAS METCALFE 7
HENRY CLAYTON 4	*ROBERT LANCASTER Tenor

Composed by the Rev. C. P. D. DAVIS. Conducted by T. METCALFE.

* First peal and first attempt.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 7, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD HARRISON Treble	HENRY W. WILDE 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 6
JAMES H. RIDING 3	*EDWARD V. RODENHURST 7
JOHN HAYES 4	GEORGE R. JONES Tenor

Composed by J. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal in the method.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 7, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PISTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12 cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Treble	COL.-SGT. BENNETT 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	WILLIAM J. WHEADON ... 6
JOHN S. MORTON 3	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	SIDNEY ANSTEAD Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 9, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

JESSE W. TYLER Treble	GEORGE W. STOKES 5
*FREDERICK G. WAYMARK 2	ALFRED C. PANKHURST ... 6
ARTHUR K. GOWER 3	ERNEST GOWER 7
EDWARD W. BRAY 4	BENJAMIN HOBBS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST GOWER.

* First peal with an inside bell in any method.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
 (NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 14, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*HARRY HOLDEN... .. Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS 5
†WILLIAM GIBBS... .. 2	JOHN BASS 6
WILLIAM POTTER 3	HARRY PRICE 7
*WILLIAM C. COOPER 4	JOHN LLOYD... .. Tenor

Composed by G. HAYWARD.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First attempt for a peal of Major. † First attempt for Major away from the treble. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Price and C. E. Perkins, the latter being prevented by illness from standing in the peal.

OXHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 11, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

WILLIAM SEELY Treble	WALTER AYE' 5
HUBERT EDEN 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
HAROLD G. CASHMORE 3	WILLIAM HODGETTS 7
*CHARLES N. LEMAN 4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by HUBERT EDEN.

* Fiftieth peal.

HEENE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 12, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

JOSEPH FARMER Treble	WILLIAM HILLMAN 5
MISS KITTY WILLERS... .. 2	HORACE TULLETT 6
ALFRED W. GROVES 3	EDMUND LINDUP 7
GEORGE NORRIS... .. 4	HENRY STALHAM... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. LINDUP.

Arranged for Miss K. Willers, who hails from Trumpington, Cambridgeshire.

ECOLESTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 14, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 28 cwt.

JOHN HAYES... .. Treble	JAMES MORGAN 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	JAMES SWINDLEY 6
HENRY W. WILDE 3	*SAMUEL JONES, JUN... .. 7
GEORGE R. JONES 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* Fiftieth peal.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, July 14, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*THOMAS DICKENS Treble	ABRAHAM WILKERSON 5
*HARRY ARGYLE 2	JAMES F. CLARKE 6
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 3	HARRY BROUGHTON 7
SHIRLEY BURTON 4	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of London. First in the method on the bells. Ringers 13rd, 7th and tenor hail from Leicester, remainder Nuneaton. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Rector for the use of the bells.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—For evening service, on July 15th, 518 Grandsire Triples: O. Read 1, T. Roberts 2, F. Case 3, G. Cooper 4, L. Smith (Bitchley) 5, S. Smith 6, A. J. Green 7, D. Chexfield 8.

ANSTBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 14, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART.

†SIDNEY A. JOHNSON Treble	GEORGE S. MORRIS 5
JOSEPH MORRIS 2	ERNEST MORRIS... .. 6
†ALBAN DISNEY 3	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 7
†HARRY DEXTER... .. 4	*W. LEONARD JOHNSON ... Tenor

Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples away from treble. † First peal on eight bells.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 14, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S 12-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*ALBERT G. LAWRENCE ... Treble	†THOMAS ROGERS 5
WALTER G. BATTLE... .. 2	SIDNEY F. BARNES 6
†HAROLD ROGERS 3	HERBERT LUDKIN 7
JAMES GRIFFIN 4	*ERNEST F. BENNETT ... Tenor

Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 14, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED BLOGG Treble	FRED RIGBY 5
WILLIAM LANCASTER 2	*WILLIAM TAYLOR 6
JOHN BOOTH 3	JOHN H. GARTSIDE 7
*J. R. TAYLOR 4	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

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

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 14, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED H. WINCH Treble	HERBERT J. SKELT 5
*JOHN BEAMS 2	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 6
JOHN H. WHITE 3	CHARLES HAZELDEN 7
GEORGE MARRINER 4	ALBERT HARMAN... .. Tenor

Composed by NATHAN PITSTOW.

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

Rung after meeting short for treble ten. * 100th peal.

WATLINGTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, July 14, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... Treble	ALBERT E. LOCK 5
RICHARD G. RICE 2	WILLIAM STONE 6
JACK HONEY... .. 3	JAMES W. WILKINS 7
FRANCIS TAYLOR... .. 4	GORDON CAUDWELL Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON.

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 14, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt. in G.

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'.

WILLIAM HIBBERT Treble	GEORGE ESSEX 5
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 2	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN 6
WILSON RUSHTON 3	RICHARD T. HIBBERT 7
MISS STELLA DAVIS 4	WILLIAM HIBBERT, SEN. ... Tenor

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS.

QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 30, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of College Single and Plain Bob, and three of Oxford Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

* WILLIAM WOOD, JUN. ... Treble	JOSEPH SPOONER 4
CHARLES TUMBER 2	WILLIAM WOOD, SEN. 5
EDWARD W. GAMBELL 3	WILLIAM NYE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mrs. Castle, wife of the Vicar of Queenborough. * First peal. † First with a bob bell. C. Tumber, E. W. Gambell and W. Nye hail from Teynham, the rest are local men.

HONINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 7½ cwt.

* FREDERICK OSWICK ... Treble	HARRY R. LOVE 4
GEORGE LOVE 2	* TIMOTHY HAMMOND 5
GEORGE T. PEGNALL 3	FREDERICK R. WILBY ... Tenor

Conducted by F. R. WILBY.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, July 12, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor size 14 in D.

RAYMOND PHILPOTT 1—2	GEORGE W. STEERE 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3—4	MRS. R. J. WILKINS 7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING. Witness: MRS. PULLING.

Arranged for Mrs. Wilkins, of Clifton, Bristol.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 15, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor size 14 in D.

ALFRED H. PULLING 1—2	MAURICE SMITHER 5—6
ARTHUR J. BARTLETT 3—4	MRS. R. J. WILKINS 7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Witnesses: MRS. PULLING and R. PHILPOTT.

Rung as a congratulatory peal to Mrs. Wilkins on her election as President of the Ladies' Guild.

BOURNEMOUTH.—On Sunday, July 15th, at St. Peter's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): C. Lovell 1, Miss G. Mannings (first quarter-peal away from treble) 2, E. W. Day (Hitchin, Herts) 3, A. S. Medd 4, H. J. Good-enough (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, B. Gough (Coseley, Staf-ford) 6, P. Witham 7, E. Garrett 8.

DEVON GUILD.

BIG MEETING AT EXETER.

The quarterly meeting of the Exeter branch of the Guild of Devon-shire Ringers was held at St. Thomas', Exeter, on Saturday, July 7th. A service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. G. Chalk). Tea was subsequently held in the Buller Hall, provided by a few friends in the parish, about 100 members being present, representing the following bands: St. Sidwell's, St. Davids', St. Thomas's, Heavitree, Clyst St. George, Christ-low, Honiton Clyst, Keun, Littleham, Topsham, Withycombe, Sow-ton, Newton St. Cyres, Thorverton.

The business meeting followed, Mr. E. Shepherd being in the chair, while among those present were Mr. W. J. Southwood, hon. secretary and treasurer; Mr. J. C. Oke, assistant secretary; the Rev. H. G. Chalk, the Rev. H. B. Clarke, the Rev. J. B. Ball, and Mr. Walter King. The following were elected honorary members: Sir Robert Newman, Bart., M.P., the Rers. E. C. Burkitt, E. A. Jullian, G. O. Apthorpe, Messrs. E. S. Plummer, A. C. Thomas, W. W. Westlake, A. C. Harbottle, L. H. Westaway, J. I. Pengelly, R. G. Purnell and Walker King. Twenty-two performing members and one life member were also admitted.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Littleham (Exmouth), on Saturday, Sept. 29th.

Mr. E. Shepherd made an appeal for more members to take up 'The Ringing World,' pointing out the importance of the paper to the Exercise.

Mr. W. J. Southwood announced that an Exeter and District Ladies' Guild had been formed, and temporary officers elected.

Mr. E. Shepherd proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the Vicar for conducting the service, and for the excellent address, which was much enjoyed, and also to Mr. Western for presiding at the organ.—The donors of the tea were also accorded a hearty vote of thanks, on the motion of Mr. Southwood.

The bells of the Cathedral, St. Davids', St. Sidwell's, St. Petrock's, St. Thomas's, and Heavitree, were rung by the various bands during the afternoon and evening.

A SERVICE RINGER'S CENTURY.

CLER. SERGT. BENNETT'S ACHIEVEMENT.

The peal of Stedman Triples rung at Swanscombe, Kent, on Saturday, June 16th, for 'the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths,' and published in our issue of June 22nd, was the 100th in which Clr.-Sgt. J. Bennett, of the Royal Marines, has taken part.

Clr.-Sgt. Bennett has been in the service just over 18 years, and is, we believe, the first ringer to complete a first 100 peals whilst serving with the Forces. There are others serving, or who have served, who have rung more, Flight-Sergt. Fred Holden, for instance, has rung over 250, and 'tops' the list of active service ringers, but he rang 63 peals before he enlisted.

Owing to the exigencies of the service, Clr.-Sergt. Bennett had practically 'to turn down' ringing for the first five or six years, and then, of course, there were over five years of war, etc., during which time he had no opportunity, while there have been several other periods when it has been almost impossible for him to do any peal ringing, so that it has taken him from the 10th April 1912, to 16th June, 1923, to complete his first century.

The following is his list: Minor: In one method, rung 2 (conducted 1); two methods, 1 (1); three methods 4 (1); four methods, 2 (1); five methods, 2 (2); six methods, 1 (1); seven methods, 9 (2); Grandsire Triples, 6; Stedman Triples, 13; Bob Major, 8 (3); Kent Treble Bob Major, 14 (3); Oxford Treble Bob Major, 6; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 17; Superlative Surprise Major, 2; Cambridge Surprise Major, 4; Grandsire Caters, 1; Stedman Caters, 4; Bob Royal, 1; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 3; total, 100 (conducted 15).

The peals of Bob Major include the first peal ever rung by a navy and army band of ringers. Rung in four counties, for five associations, in forty-eight towers, from ninety-one bells, and with 198 ringers.

RESTORATION OF BENENDEN BELLS.

The peal of eight at Benenden, Kent, will be in ringing order again in about three months' time. Mr. A. Bowell's estimate has been accepted, and the whole of the money is available. Viscount Rothermere gave £50, and that veteran and active ringer, Mr. W. H. Lambert, with the assistance of a few others, collected £30 by hand bell ringing. A fete was held recently, and proved to be a great success, the profits being nearly £200. Mr. Lambert and his son gave selections on handbells, and Mr. and Mrs. H. Baker of Frittenden, kindly lent their fine peal of handbells. The sum at the command of the committee exceeds the estimate, and the surplus is to be devoted to other useful church purposes.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.**BRAINTREE RINGERS VISIT CAMBRIDGE.**

On Saturday, July 7th, the St. Michael's Guild of Ringers, accompanied by their wives and friends, had their annual outing. Starting at 8.45 a.m. by charabanc, they called at Radwinter, Saffron Walden, and Sawston, ringing touches at each tower. Luncheon and tea were served at the Dorothy Cafe, Cambridge. After lunch the members dispersed, some to visit the colleges, others for ringing at the Roman Catholic Church and the Anglican Church of Great St. Andrew, assisted by Messrs. Dennis, Rivers and Kempton. The homeward journey was made via Bishop's Stortford and Dunmow, Braintree being reached at 9.45 p.m., and the total mileage covered being over 80 miles. After lunch, a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. W. H. Dyson, seconded by Mr. H. E. Hammond, to Mr. C. H. Howard, J.P., the Ringing Master, for making all the arrangements of a very enjoyable outing. The touches rung during the day included Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Treble Bob Major. The Guild wish, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to express their appreciation to all the incumbents and steeplekeepers, and for placing the bells at their disposal.

BRISTOL RINGERS BY THE THAMES.

The annual outing of the St. Michael's (City), Bristol, was held on Saturday, June 30th, when an excursion by rail and river to Windsor and Bray-on-Thames was enjoyed. The Castle was visited at Windsor, and the united ringers of St. Michael's, Bray, and St. Michael's, Bristol, by kind permission of the Vicar of Bray, had tea on the Vicarage lawn, and enjoyed a good view of the regatta which was taking place that day. The secretary (Miss E. Smith) was presented by the Rector (the Rev. W. G. Arrowsmith) with a very beautiful prayer and hymn book given her by her fellow ringers. Touches were rung on the tower bells during the evening, and tunes on handbells on the lawn, and the outing was voted a great success.

ISLEWORTH RINGERS' OUTING.

The Isleworth band, together with their wives and friends, and including their respected vice-president, Mr. T. Beadle, held their outing on Saturday, June 30th. Boyne Hill was reached at 10 a.m., and ringing indulged in for an hour. From thence the party visited Twyford and Sonning, and would also have rung at Wargrave, but unfortunately a funeral made this impossible. From Sonning they proceeded to Henley, where a most sumptuous meal awaited them. Afterwards a pull on the bank and a lovely view of the Thames Valley from the top of the tower were enjoyed. Slough was reached at 7.45, where the day's ringing was concluded. This opportunity is taken of thanking the various Vicars and Rectors for so kindly allowing the use of the bells, and also to the steeplekeepers for having everything in readiness.

ST. CLEMENT YOUTHS.

This society had a pleasant re-union and excursion on Saturday, June 30th, when, meeting outside St. Clement's Church in the Strand, the party of about 25, which included the Rector (Mr. W. H. Pennington Bickford) and his wife, proceeded by charabanc to Windsor.

Arrangements had been made for ringing at the old church, and also after tea, and on the return journey at Farnham Royal, all three items being much enjoyed, as was also a visit to the State apartments of the Castle by a few of the party. In addition to Mrs. Bickford, the party was graced by the presence of Mesdames Young, Fardon, Sergisson, Davis and Clements, and of five other ladies not saddled with wifely cares, but more or less intent on the art of ringing in which they show great promise. The afternoon and evening went all too soon, and at 10 p.m., when the party were again at St. Clement's, after a most enjoyable outing.

A TRIP IN CHESHIRE.

Middleton ringers and friends visited a number of Cheshire towers for their annual outing. The first call was at Bowden, where Grandsire Treble Bob and Plain Bob were rung. The party had tea at Nantwich, followed by ringing on the recently restored bells in the Parish Church. Going on to Tarporley they spent a pleasant time, and returned to Northwich, where the bells are hung in reverse order. The ringers wish to thank the clergy for the use of their respective bells and the members of the various towers for having everything in readiness. Especially do they wish to thank Mr. W. Hardman for making such perfect arrangements for a most enjoyable day.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH RINGERS' OUTING.

On Wednesday, June 27th, the choir and bell ringers of Bishop Wearmouth Church had their annual excursion, and visited Harrogate, Bolton Abbey and Ilkley. The party, numbering 22, including eight ringers, travelled by saloon carriage, and reached Harrogate at 10.34 a.m. After a meal they proceeded by charabanc to Bolton Abbey, where they inspected the ruins of the ancient abbey, one

portion of which is now used as the parish church. The younger members of the party had a game of cricket, while the remainder enjoyed the beautiful wild scenery at the Strid, about three miles from the Abbey. The party then rejoined their charabanc, and proceeded to Ilkley, where, by the kind permission of the Vicar (Canon Hamar), the ringers had the use of the bells of the Parish Church, which added much to the enjoyment of the outing. On returning to Harrogate, a much appreciated meal was partaken of and the remainder of the evening was spent in admiring the beauties of the valley gardens, etc. Sunderland was safely reached at 11.47 p.m., after a very enjoyable day.—A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector and churchwardens for providing the trip, and the Vicar of the Parish Church, Ilkley, is heartily thanked for so kindly granting the use of the bells.

IN LEAFY WARWICKSHIRE.

The Nuneaton parish church ringers spent a pleasant half-day in South-East Warwickshire, on June 30th. Leaving at 1 o'clock they first visited Daventry, 25 miles away, where they were met by Mr. Moore, and touches of Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise rung on the bells of the parish church. The tenor is about 20 cwt., but the bells are hung backward. Southam, 11 miles distant, was reached through fine wooded country, and after an excellent meal tea at 'The Black Dog,' Mr. Berry was ready with a hearty welcome at the parish church. Here there is a good ring of bells, with a 17 cwt. tenor, but the ringing chamber is very small. Stedman Triples, followed by London and Superlative Surprise, Cambridge Court Bob Major, and Grandsire Triples, in which the local ringers took part, were rung. The 23 miles' journey home completed a splendid circular tour through leafy Warwickshire. The best thanks of the party are due to Mr. Moore, of Daventry, and Mr. Berry, of Southam, for their kindness.

NORTH SHIELDS EXCURSION.

The ringers of Christ Church, North Shields, had their outing on June 28th, when they visited Blackhill and Consett, two towers separated by a pleasant park. Ringing was enjoyed in both belfries, and tea partaken of at the Railway Hotel, Consett. The visitors are grateful to Messrs. Sinclair and Wilkinson for making arrangements, and to the respective incumbents for the use of the bells.

STAFFORDSHIRE RINGERS IN CHESHIRE.

On Saturday, June 30th, the Bucknall and Burslem ringers joined forces, to the number of twenty, and paid a visit to the famous 'splicing' area of Norbury.

En route a call was made at Poynton, where, met by Mr. J. P. Fidler, the visitors rang a touch of London Surprise on the beautifully toned bells. At Norbury a splendid tea was provided for the party by the wives of the Norbury ringers, after which Mr. Fernley and his band gave the ringers a most enjoyable coaching in the art of splicing methods which they are not likely to forget. A social at the Red Lion Hotel terminated a very happy and interesting outing. Thanks are extended to the Norbury ringers for their kindness, and Mr. J. P. Fidler in particular, for personally seeing to all arrangements for the comfort of the visitors.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Northern branch was held at Oldswinford on Saturday, June 30th, when about 30 members and friends attended. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. H. Williams), assisted by the curate (the Rev. W. J. North). The Rector gave a short but interesting address to the ringers on making themselves worthy of their calling. Tea was provided in the Parish Room. The Rector presided over the business meeting which followed. Mr. G. N. Cockin gave an invitation to the association to visit Hales Owen for the annual meeting of the branch, and on the proposition of Mr. Short, seconded by Mr. Heathcock, and supported by Mr. H. Mason, the invitation was cordially accepted, the meeting to take place on September 15th.—The Rector and his colleague were elected hon. members of the association.

The Ringing Master (Mr. W. B. Cartwright) proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and the very bright service and address, also to the organist and choir. This having been seconded by Mr. A. E. Parsons, and carried, the Rector replied. He remarked that his first connection with bells happened while serving with the troops in Palestine when, for use of his services, a friend presented him with a set of tubular bells, which were admired by all the people for miles around.

NEW ZEALAND RINGER IN QUARTER-PEAL.

At Iffracombe on Tuesday, July 3rd, members of the Devon Guild rang at the Parish Church a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): 1. F. J. Reed 1. W. Hookway (New Zealand) 2. J. Sprague 3. C. W. Filer 4. W. Phillips (Newport, Mon.) 5. W. Shepherd (Hersham, Surrey) conductor, 6. F. Blackmore 7. R. Dadds 8. First quarter-peal and first attempt by Messrs. Hookway, Filer and Blackmore.

RINGERS' ROLL OF HONOUR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I wish to make an appeal, through your columns, to the Exercise at large for help in compiling this roll.

Below will be seen two lists of names which I have denoted A and B.

In list A, certain names are grouped together which bear a similarity to each other.

I want to know how many persons are described in each group, and, if only one, which place or tower out of two or three has the right to claim that one. To take an instance: Were there two ringers of the name of 'Attwater, E.' killed? If there was only one, should he be described as coming from Streatham or Cuckfield?

In list B, there are certain names given as belonging to Guilds or Associations, but the place or tower is left blank. I want if possible to be able to fill up this blank space.

Secretaries of Guilds and Associations have done their best in the matter, and I now appeal to the friends of these fallen ringers to send me such information—as some of them surely must have—as will enable me to come to a decision in each case.—Yours truly,

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN.

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LIST A.

Name.	Parish or Town.	Guild or Association
ATTWATER, E.	Streatham	Surrey, Coll. Youths
ATTWATER, E.	Cuckfield	Sussex
ANDREW, F.	Isham	Northants
ANDREW, F.	Stoke-in-Coventry	Warwickshire
BOTTRILL, J. T.	Pendleton	Lancashire
BOTTRILL, J. T.	Anstey	Midland Counties
BILLOWS, F. C.	Blackburn	Lancashire
BILLOWS, F. C.	Skipton	Yorkshire
BENNETT, W.	Monksilver	Bath and Wells
BENNETT, W.	Wimborne	Salisbury
COLLINS, S. J.	Fulham	College Youths
COLLINS, S. J.	Wandsworth	London County
DEWEY, H. J.	Reigate	Surrey
DEWEY, H. J.	Earlswood	Cumberlands
DEWELL, F.	Bury St. Edmunds	Norwich
DEWELL, F. G.	Bury St. Edmunds	Ely; St. Edmunds-bury
DELL, C.	Isleworth	Middlesex
DELL, C.	Hadleigh	Cumberlands
EDSER, G.	Streatham	Surrey
EDSER, G. B.	Battersea	London County
EDSER, G. B.	Horsham	Surrey
EDSER, G. B.	Horsham	Winchester
LICENCE, A.	Worplesdon	Winchester
LICENCE, F. A.	Wilkesden	Middlesex
LICENCE, F. A.	Brockdish	Norwich
LEE, W. C.	Streatham	Surrey
LEE, W. C.	Brixton	London County
LEE, W. C.	Brixton	Cumberlands
LEE, W. C.	Great Cornard	Ely and St. Edmundsbury
LAING, A. T.		Cambridge University
LAING, A. T., Rev.	Bamburgh	Durham and Newcastle
MURRAY, T.	Liscard	Chester
MURRAY, T.	Rothbury	Durham and Newcastle
MORRIS, B.	Mitcham	Surrey
MORRIS, B.	Mortlake	Middlesex
MELIA, M.	Leeds	London County
MELIA, M.	Holbeck	College Youths
NEW, W. J.	Isleworth	Middlesex
NEW, W. J.	Leigh	Salisbury
NEW, W. J.	Isleworth	London County
ODEY, J.	Swindon	Glos. and Bristol
ODEY, J. H.	Bath	Bath and Wells
PLANT, A.	Kettering	Northants
PLANT, H. A. B.	Burton-on-Trent	Midland Counties
PAYNE, J.	St. Albans	Herts
PAYNE, J. H.	Kensington	College Youths
ROBERTS, A.	Dover	Kent
ROBERTS, A.	Godstone	Surrey

Name.	Parish or Town.	Guild or Association.
RANCE, J.	Davenham	Chester
RANCE, J.	Whalley	Lancashire
STUBBS, H. C.	Stanford Hill	Middlesex
STUBBS, H. C.	Tottenham	Cumberlands
STUBBS, H. C.	Stoke Newington	London County
SMITH, A.	Oxonthorpe	Yorkshire
SMITH, A.	Maxey	Peterborough
SMITH, A.	Langham	Essex
SAYER, C. O.	Headingley	Yorkshire
SAYER, C. O.	Sunderland	Durham and Newcastle
SAUNDERS, H.	Mistley	Essex
SAUNDERS, H.	Hemingford Abbots	Ely and St. Edmundsbury
TAYLOR, T. G.	Batheaston	Bath and Wells
TAYLOR, T. G.	Whitechurch	Salisbury
	Canonisorum	
WRIGHT, S.	Morpeth	College Youths
WRIGHT, S. A.	Herne Hill	London County
WRIGHT, S. A.	Morpeth	Durham and Newcastle
WILLIAMS, R.	Bebington	Chester
WILLIAMS, R.	Whitechurch	Llandaff and Monmouth
WILLIAMS, J.	Brierley Hill	Worcestershire
WILLIAMS, J.	Ledbury	Hereford
WILLIAMS, M. J.	Hereford	Hereford
WAITE, S.	Twickenham	Bath and Wells
WAITE, S.	Bishop's Cannings	Salisbury

LIST B.

Name.	Guild or Association.
CHAPMAN, A. R. B.	Cambridge University
CHELL, H.	"
GRAY, A. F.	"
HAMILTON, A. S.	"
LONGRIDGE, A. O.	"
C., Rev.	"
LAING, A. T.	"
McKIEVER, V. C.	"
McMICHAEL, D. W.	"
PERSSE, C. de B.	"
RILEY, T., Rev.	"
RAIKES, F. S. W.	"
SCHOOLING, C. H., Rev.	"
WALKER, E. B.	"
WHITE, F. R.	"
BANNON, J.	Irish Association
KAVANAGH, C.	"
KENNEDY, T.	"
McLEAN, J.	"
TECTOR, R.	"
NASH, H. C.	Worcestershire

THE LADIES' GUILD.

The Midland District held a meeting at Evesham on Saturday, July 7th. Members from Solihull, Smethwick, Handsworth and friends from Walsall and Birmingham, journeyed from Birmingham to the fine old bell tower, where they were met by the local ringers and other members of the Guild.

The Rev. W. A. Hubbard conducted the service. Tea was provided by Miss E. Johnson and Mr. J. Johnson, and was most thoroughly enjoyed by a party of about 30.

At the business meeting after tea, five new ringing members were elected, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Miss Johnson and her brother, who both said how pleased they were to entertain the visitors, and expressed the hope that this would not be the last visit of the Guild to Evesham.

In spite of the heat wave, a very enjoyable time was spent.

The previous meeting of the district was held at Lye, Worcestershire, where is to be found the lightest peal hung for ringing.

Tea was provided by the Vicar (Canon Stuart King) and the churchwarden.

The spiral stairs were rather a problem to some of the ladies, especially to one who made several attempts merely to see how to get down again. Eventually she got to the top, and helped to make the little peal of eight go merrily.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A by-meeting of the South-Western Division was held at Orsett on June 30th, attended by members from Barking, Bentley, Brentwood, Romford, Dagenham, Stanford-le-Hope and Leytonstone. Touches in methods from Plain Bob to London Surprise Minor were brought round. Tea was kindly provided by Mrs. A. Keeling at Vine Cottage, and thoroughly enjoyed.—The Vicar (the Rev. J. Eidell) officiated at the service, in which the Bishop of Barking also took part, and gave a most interesting and helpful address.

The members would like to convey, through 'The Ringing World,' their best thanks to all who assisted to make this meeting a success, especially the genial steeplekeeper, Mr. A. Neeling, for making arrangements, and having everything ready.

The Northern Division held their summer meeting at Felsted on Saturday, June 30th. A service was held in the Parish Church, the Rev. E. J. Doherty, Vicar, officiating, an inspiring address on 'The message of the bells' being given by the Rev. H. Jordan, Vicar of Finchingfield, who is a ringer and ardent supporter of the association. An excellent tea in the old Schoolroom was followed by the meeting. The District Master, Mr. W. H. Dyson (Braintree), presided, supported by Messrs. W. T. Farrow, R. C. Goodman, C. H. Howard, J. P. (Master of the Association), A. H. Shoobridge (an old Felstedian), and 30 members from Stebbing, Dunmow, Rayne, Finchingfield, Braintree, and Felsted. Several new members were elected.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Witham, and the annual meeting at Braintree.

Thanks were accorded the Vicar and preacher, and those who provided tea.

Touches of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Treble Bob Major, Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung upon the bells during the afternoon and evening. Felsted now possesses an enthusiastic band of change ringers.

GRANDSIRE CATERS AT CHELMSFORD.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In answer to Canon Papillon, I was quite aware when I sent the report for publication, that at least four peals of Grandsire Caters had been rung on the old peal of ten at Chelmsford having taken part in two of them myself, viz., May 30th, 1903, and again on Sept. 3rd, 1905. Are the bells now hanging in Chelmsford Cathedral tower the same as those on which Canon Papillon and I rang our respective peals years ago?—Yours truly,

H. W. KIRTON.

LAVENHAM ANNIVERSARY.

On Saturday, June 30th, the 112th anniversary of Lavenham bells was celebrated, and the event drew a large number of ringers to this interesting old Essex town. The Suffolk ringers present were Messrs. E. Ambrose, H. Richold (Long Melford), H. Lister, K. Whittell (Bildoston), A. Catterwell, F. Kemp, P. Johnson (Caveudish), T. Reed (Hadleigh), J. King (Polstead), W. Burges (Shelley), B. Brundie, J. Rose, C. Woodcock (Ipswich). Those hailing from Essex included A. Shuffelbotham and W. Sadler (Braintree), E. Beckwith, W. Howell, C. Norfolk (Coggeshall), J. Waghorn (East Ham), W. Arnold, F. Claydon, J. Fluety, J. Turner, S. Warn (Earls Colne), R. E. Fisher, G. Hayward, W. Keeble, W. Kuopp, G. Mays, J. E. Newman, R. Porter, C. Rogers (Feering), J. Elliott, W. Elliott (Kelvedon), H. Warn (Fordham Heath, Colchester), A. Saunders (Greenstead), J. Sadler (Great Tey), W. Ives (Pentlow), W. Cross, B. Pettitt (Sible Hedingham), and F. G. Symonds (London), C. W. R. Grimwood (Footing). The methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich and Kent Treble Bob Major, Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise, the conductors being W. Keeble, J. Rose, R. Grimwood, F. Claydon and S. H. Symonds. A most enjoyable day was spent.

BINGHAM BELLS.

A meeting of the Nottingham District of the M.C.A. took place recently at Bingham to test the newly augmented ring of eight. Fifty or more ringers assembled from all parts, at the invitation of the Rector (the Rev. H. R. M. Hutt), and the visitors were entertained to tea in the Rectory Grounds. The business meeting was held afterwards under the presidency of Mr. A. Coppock. A very valuable acquisition to the fold of hon. membership of the M.C.A. was the name of the Rector, who was delighted to welcome such an organisation.

The work has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and the Rev. H. R. M. Hutt is to be congratulated upon his successful effort in getting the octave. The parishioners, who number barely 2,000, responded nobly to his appeal, and the Rector himself provided the 2nd bell. The tower is a massive structure, which would accommodate twelve bells. The church contains some ancient carving in a splendid state of preservation, dating back to the thirteenth century.

The visitors thoroughly enjoyed ringing on the augmented peal, the touches including Stedman, Plain, Treble Bob and Surprise Methods.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The people of Vancouver evidently appreciate the bells on public occasions, for just prior to President Harding's visit, the Press, in typical Western manner, was demanding that the bells should play their part on the auspicious occasion.

'Change Ringing Championship' was the heading under which one London daily newspaper announced the unveiling of a peal tablet at Southwark Cathedral, on Tuesday, commemorating the record peal of Stedman Cinques.

Mr. A. Bowell has recently executed repairs to the peal of eight at Roivenden, Kent. The tenor needed much attention, and has been rehung with all modern fittings. New bearings, gudgeons, stays, pulley blocks, nearly all new wheels, etc., constituted the chief part of the work to the remaining seven, and the peal is now in first-class ringing condition. The bells have been examined and tested by members of the Kent County Association. They were perfectly satisfied that the work had been efficiently executed, and the 'go' of the bells was all that could be desired.

It is seldom that the funds collected for bell restoration exceed the amount required, but this happy circumstance has occurred at Benenden Kent, where an overhaul is to take place. The balance is to be devoted to other church purposes.

Mrs. R. J. Wilkins, of Bristol, was, on Saturday, elected President of the Ladies' Guild for the ensuing year.

It is said that even the Guild meeting could not pass off without a discussion on hats.

The first peal by a band of ladies was rung eleven years ago today. May we not soon expect the first peal by a band of married ladies? There are more than sufficient for the purpose, if they can tear themselves away from their domestic duties.

The ringer of treble in peal at Whittle on July 7th should read 'Alfred,' not Adam Blogg.

A tidy belfry or a well-kept ringing chamber is not always found in our country towers, and especially in Devon, writes a correspondent. Not only are there few seats, or even hat pegs, but the floor is rarely swept, windows and walls are dirty, ringing rooms ill-ventilated or often draughty, and appear too often more like a tool house than a respectable meeting room for a band of men. If we would induce young and especially an intelligent grade of fellows to take up our art, we should gain much by pleasing surroundings.

St. Sidwell's (Exeter) peal of 10 has just been restored at a cost of over £200, and the opportunity was taken to colour the walls and ceiling, frame up old relics, renovate peal boards, add more seats and linoleum, at a cost of £22, and now it gives a homely appearance to all who ring—especially the many visitors who remark upon its tidy appearance.

TEXT BOOK ON SURPRISE METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It is well known that the late Brothers Snowden intended to compile a book on the Surprise Methods of Cambridge, Superlative and London, but through death, the Exercise was robbed of a valuable addition to the Snowden series. I submit that a text book on Surprise methods is badly needed at the present time. The six-bell ringers are well catered for both in 'Standard Methods' and the C.C. Collection, but when we come to eight and ten bells, the case is totally different. Take such methods as Norfolk, Bristol, Northampton, Suffolk, Lancashire, Yorkshire, and Guildford, etc.; and on ten bells, Princess Mary, Clifton, Middlesex, and no doubt there are several others. Assuming that all these methods are worth ringing, one is forced to the conclusion that the information concerning them is in a very few hands. Supposing our band wished to practise one of these methods, it would mean that the leader would have to write to Mr. X for the figures. Then he would have to draft skeleton courses for his band, or get them each to do their own, and even then it is not everyone who can put ringing information into plain language. The question now arises, who would write such a book as I have indicated? I do not think it is a job for the Central Council to tackle, but I do think there is a golden opportunity for some capable member of the Exercise, and there is no doubt we have such men. Probably some ringers will belittle this suggestion and say, 'Where there's a will there's a way,' etc.; also, finance would be a stumbling-block. But if such a book were produced it would be a valuable one, and we could not grumble at the price, whether it was 7s. 6d. or 10s. The convenience of having a book embracing all the Surprise methods on 8, 10 and 12 bells would be inestimable, and a crowning triumph to the Snowden books, which have taught thousands of ringers the art of change ringing. — Yours faithfully,
'LANCASTRIAN.'

TEN-BELL TOWERS.

ST. ANDREW'S, NORWICH.

(By J. R. JERRAM.)

With regard to the early history of the bells at St. Andrew's, Norwich, we find that there were six at the time of the Inventory, taken in the sixth year of Edward VI.; also a 'sants bel of half a cwt.'

In Kirkpatrick's MS., taken from church accounts, and copied by Mr. L'Estrange, and published by him in his 'Church Bells of Norfolk' in 1874, we find the weights of the bells and names of the donors, when they were 'new yotten,' in 1567. From this it appears the 'lytle belle' was given by the executors of Mr. John Cooke Draper, and weighed 7 cwt. The second, given by the same, weighed



ST. ANDREW'S, NORWICH.

7 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. The third (present sixth) was not broken, and weighed 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. The fourth was recast at the cost of the parish, and weighed 12 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. The fifth was given by Mr. Robert Gardener and Mr. Nicholas Cowbyche, and weighed 15 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. The tenor was bought of the Prior of Black Friars at the dissolution of the monastery, and then (1538) she weighed 25 cwt. 12 lbs. She 'brack & was yotten agayne & made moche bigger' in 1567, and then weighed 26 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. The inscription on the original bell was, 'Laudo Deum verum, plebem voco, convoco clerum, defunctos ploro, pestem fugo, festa decoro.' The new bell cast in 1566 was inscribed, 'Campana ista facta erat. Sancta quidem non sum, sanctos conservor in usus.' The last part was evidently intended as a fling at the Romanists.

The old fourth bell was recast by Wm. Brend in 1608,

and was inscribed, 'Blessed be the Lord our God both now and evermore.' She weighed 13 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. He was paid £4 for the recasting. The fifth was also recast by him in 1621, for which he was paid £5 10s. This bell is the present tenor. We have already noticed the old tenor, and we find further that—

At the making of the new frames for the bells which was in anno 1633, the sixth and greatest Bell was taken down and new yotten to be made tuneable to the rest of the 5 bells and wayghed 26 c. 3. or ther about, which being new cast by Will. Brend Belfounder and of 21 c. weight, it proved to little and upon the 16th day of April, 1634, was new cast againe by him made bigger and waighed then 24 c. 3. and 11 lb., butt then proving somewhat too big to accord with the rest of the bells and otherwise defective in the casting it was first skivred and then afterward some part of the head, viz., the upper part of the mayne Connell brake of, by wch skivring and breaking off thirty six pounds of the weight of merral was taken away, and then it wayed 24 c. 2 qr. 3 lb., unto which was added when it was cast again the third time 7 lb. of pewter being 18 Decem, 1635, by John Brend, and now it wayes according to our own waight being waighed in Christmas Hollidays 1635 here at our church 23 c. 1 qr. 10 lb., and there remayne in Mottall wch was sold to John Brend 1 c. 1 qr. for £4 12. The said great Bell hath these Latin verses written about it, made by Mr. John Chappell our Minister.

'Horas enumero; Conventus aggrego sacros.
Casibus humanis accino, condoleo.'

When the peal was increased to eight in 1705, this tenor was cast into two trebles, leaving the old fifth for a tenor. The present eighth bell was originally the tenor at St. John, Timberhill, and was purchased of the churchwardens of that church after the fall of the tower in 1784, to replace a cracked bell at St. Andrew's. She weighs 8 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb., and cost £29 10s. 7 3/4d. The trebles of the present peal of ten were given by Thomas Hurry, bell hanger, of Norwich.

In inscription: on the present peal of ten are as follows:—

Treble. T. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT, 1825.
Second. T. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT, 1825.
Third. HENRY PLEASANT MADE ME, 1705.
Fourth. THO. NEWMAN MADE ME, 1713.
Fifth. JOHN DRAPER MADE ME, 1634.
Sixth. Anno Domini, 1623.
Seventh. MICHAEL DARBIE MADE ME, 1661.
Eighth. Per Me Fideles Invocantur Ad Preces. Anno Domini, 1617.
Ninth. THO. NEWMAN MADE ME, 1713.
Tenor. LET VS TEWNE AND SOVND TOGETHER
INGLANDS SWETE PEACE FOR EVER, 1621. A.B.
W.

▽ Brazier's Mark.

▽ Norwich City Arms.

The position of the ropes in St. Andrew's belfry is rather peculiar. The frame made for six bells in 1633 was an octagonal one; two bells being hung in the two middle pits, and the other four on the four sides thereof. When the peal was made eight in 1705 the two trebles were hoisted in a frame above in the centre. The additional trebles added in 1825 to make ten were hoisted in frames above these, forming a kind of pyramid. The result is, if I am not mistaken, that the ropes fall in the following order: 1, 3, 2, 7, 10, 5, 4, 6, 9, 8. If I am wrong in my description I hope that some local ringer will correct me.

The following tables are in the belfry:—

The splendid Church of Andrew's, Norwich, prior to the year 1825, had only a peal of 8 bells, at which time Mr. Thos. Hurry, one of St. Peter's ringers, presented to it two new trebles cast by Mears and Son, of Whitechapel; and the ten were rung for the first time on 19th July, in the above year. On which occasion Mr. Sam. Thurston (by trade a stonemason) made a tablet and placed it on the north wall of the belfry. On May 5th, 1842, here was rung Mr. John Reeve's one-course peal, consisting of 5,040 changes of TREBLE BOB ROYAL, in three hours and twenty-seven minutes, called by Henry Hubbard. It was in the KENT Variation, and has the 6th 24 times each way; it was rung by the following persons:—

T. HURRY	Treble	J. TRUMAN	Sixth
R. BURRELL	Second	R. COLE	Seventh
J. GREENWOOD	Third	T. BURRELL	Eighth
G. WATERING	Fourth	G. SMITH	Ninth
W. GAUL	Fifth	H. HUBBARD	Tenor

The above is the first peal on the ten bells.

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ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL, 1921.

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WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL 1921.

Another tablet commemorates the following:—

On 15th of Sept., 1842, was rung in this steeple a peal of CATERS on STEDMAN'S principle, consisting of 5,295 changes, in three hours and twenty-nine minutes. This also was called by Henry Hubbard, and rung in capital style by the following band, stationed thus:—

T. HURRY	Treble	J. TRUMAN	Sixth
R. BURRELL	Second	G. SMITH	Seventh
J. GREENWOOD	Third	R. COLE	Eighth
C. MIDDLETON	Fourth	H. HOBARD	Ninth
W. GAUL	Fifth	W. FREEMAN	Tenor

It should also be added that the first peal of London Surprise Major was rung at this church in 1835, conducted by Samuel Thurston. The peal tablet commemorating it is at St. Giles' tower, Norwich.

We are indebted to Mr. G. H. Cross for the photograph of the tower, which he took specially for this article.

TRoublesome Little Questions.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Just recently there seem to have cropped up lots of little questions which want settling, such as, for instance:—

What is a 'local' peal?

What is the first peal in a method on the bells?

What's in a name?

And sundry other minor matters, to say nothing of those greater subjects (still a source of difference, even between friends) which I dare not mention—for various reasons.

The Central Council will not meet again for nearly a year, and in the meantime these lesser topics will be left simmering unless someone—perfectly unbiassed, of course—gets about the task of laying down the law. Therefore, as I am a perfectly disinterested person (in proof whereof I have never rung a peal in Leicester or Chelmsford, and I have never rung in the first 700 of a new method)—here goes.

The difficulty that confronts me, however, is the knowledge that always in these matters you can never get both sides to agree, and the individual who butts in (we know the old saying about fools and angels) usually 'gets it in the neck.' But nevertheless—here goes.

This sounds rather like a nervous bather standing on the bank of a chilly stream trying to screw up courage enough to take the plunge! You can almost hear my teeth chattering. But, believe me, I am really almost as bold as those doughty fighters, 'Peppery' and 'W.W.'

That peal at Leicester has created quite a pother, and it is time we had some definition of a 'local' peal, but it would be better still if we dropped the use of the term altogether. It is just one of those words which may mean any old thing. To prove this let me air my Latin (culled from an inexpensive dictionary). 'Local' is derived from 'locus,' meaning 'a place'—no relation to 'locusts,' a lobster. Now a place may be of unlimited size, and need not necessarily be 'within the meaning of the Act'; it may be as large as a parish, as large as Leicester, or as large as Leicestershire. So where are we? Every correspondent who has written to 'The Ringing World' upon this subject may be right. My dictionary tells me that 'local' means 'confined to a spot, place, or definite district.' Therefore, it seems as if a 'local' band may come from anywhere as long as they prescribe the definite district from which they come. But as I have already said, I do not expect anyone to agree with me, and I suggest that this would be a nice little topic for the Council to deal with. It would probably provide them with a subject of discussion for years.

Then, what about the first peal of Grandsire Caters on the bells at Chelmsford Cathedral? I fancy I can see the peg on which the band that rang the peal on June 30th hang their claim. Since Canon Papillon rang his peal at the Essex county town, the bells have been 'new cast.' Now when a ring of bells go into the melting pot and get poured out into some new moulds, are they new bells, or what are they? The more you ponder on it the more you begin to wonder whether a recast peal is a new peal. When a lady remakes a hat, is it a new hat? She likes her friends to think it is, but is it? When the old metal goes into the furnace and comes out again it is still the same metal, but we like our friends to think we have got a new peal of bells. But have we?

What's in a name! My pet poet wrote, 'A rose by any other name would smell as sweet,' but there is a saying, 'Give a dog a bad name and hang him.' A method remains the same method whatever you call it, but some names are bad enough to kill it, although it must be admitted that some extraordinary titles have survived—our dear old friend 'Grandsire,' for instance. I often wonder where that name was dug up, and who were the sponsors? What fun has been poked at the Exercise by outsiders when they have had

occasion to refer to it! We all know the gibe of 'Grandfather's Triplets.' Now we are apparently to give them (the public, not the triplets) the opportunity of casting more ridicule upon us, if they wish.

The horticulturist who went round his garden, and, seeing a geranium, promptly selected the name for No. 23 of the Treble Bob methods, or, spotting a marigold, bethought him to apply it to No. 24, may have imagined he had an inspiration. But to think that a whole committee should have swallowed such rubbish almost passes belief; while the fact that they should elect to take up an attitude of 'do as we tell you or we throw up the job,' is really astounding. In my opinion anybody who acts like that has got a bad case. Now that one of the committee has helped to get these methods rung under the flowery titles, ringers may expect to hear little of them in the future, unless, mayhap, other ringers with other notions take upon themselves to call them by more rational titles. And, after all, what is to prevent them? In fact, I am inclined to be a rebel myself, get my own band to ring 720 in some of these methods call them by other names, and see what happens. I wonder whether we should merely be excommunicated, or whether there would be something with boiling oil in it?

I do not suppose, after all, that I have settled to anyone's satisfaction the irritating little questions with which I began this letter. Perhaps I may have irritated rather than pacified; and that I may dodge the bricks, I must remain, yours truly,
CRITICUS.

SURPRISE PEALS IN LEICESTER.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—'Keep Smiling' tells us that in the peal quoted by Mr. Willson, a ringer from a church other than St. John's assisted. Mr. Willson also tells us that seven of the band lived well inside the boundary; the 8th, of course, lived outside. Well, well, you cannot have the tenors together and parted at the same time.

On looking up the Surprise peals arranged by the secretary of St. Martin's since the war, I find that there have been about 80 successes, representing over 80 per cent. of attempts; also that Mr. Willson is correct in saying that in every one, one or more ringers from elsewhere assisted. What, however, struck me as more remarkable was the number of those who assisted in them who had 'stars' to their name, denoting their first Surprise peal, or their first peal in the method. Verily this does tell its own story.—Yours truly,
F. H. DEXTER.

P.S.—The only Surprise peal to date by all residents of Leicester was rung at South Wigston in 1913, and conducted by the late G. H. Fowler.

Dear Sir,—In reply to your correspondent F. H. D., I think he is quite aware of the identity of the writer he refers to in his letter. He says that if the ringers do not live within the city boundary they are not local, or Leicester ringers! Why then, publish the peal of Bristol at South Wigston as 'rung by a band of Leicester ringers'? The foregoing peal has the same disqualification as the peal under discussion, which was based on the assumption that if the ringer was a Leicester man in that case, he could also be one in the other. Apparently then it was a misconception when I made the first statement in connection with the peal. In future, perhaps, there will be more truth in 'their' footnotes to peals.

'Locumitis' says that 'local' means all residing in one parish! Yet F. H. D. makes it cover the whole town area. Also he states that to the best of his knowledge there has been no peal of Surprise rung by a Leicester band (this statement covers the peal at Wigston). He must have overlooked the peal of Bristol, which is very unlikely if he is interested in Leicester doings.—Yours very truly,
E. R. WHITEHEAD.

Dear Sir,—Having read Mr. Willson's latest communication, I still hold to the opinion that a man is local only to the place where domiciled, and that no amount of argument can make him otherwise. His remark re peals rung outside the city is entirely beside the point at issue. Having mentioned them, however, I beg leave again to point him in error. After making such careful investigations how came he to miss the peal rung at South Wigston on Oct. 11th, 1913, the first and only peal rung by an undisputable band of Leicester locals?
KEEP SMILING.

This correspondence is now closed.—Ed. 'R.W.'

MEMORIAL TO MR. J. THACKRAY.

Campanologists of Armley and Bramley met in the belfry at Christ Church, Armley, on Sunday, July 1st, to take part in the unveiling ceremony of a memorial to the late Mr. John Thackray, who for 50 years (1872–1922) was a bell ringer in the above tower. The memorial (which was given by a brother ringer) was unveiled by the Rev. F. Nichols, who was supported by the two churchwardens.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

CIRENCESTER GLOS.—On Sunday, July 15th, for morning service, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): J. Hosgood 1, F. Edwards 2, F. J. Lewis 3, W. M. Hayward 4, W. G. Cook (conductor) 5, G. Dore 6, H. C. Bond 7, A. Parsons 8. J. Hosgood hails from St. Thomas's, Exeter.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, July 15th, for evening service, at the Church of St. Mary, 576 Bob Major: F. A. Cluett 1, J. J. Symons 2, T. R. Taylor 3, J. D. Harris 4, W. Tate 5, R. J. Stone 6, E. J. Harding, senr., 7, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 8.

OVERSEAL.—At St. Matthew's Church, on July 8th, for evensong: 504 Grandsire Triples: W. Bosworth 1, J. Colton 2, H. Hurdman 3, H. Carter 4, J. Hough 5, J. Hope (conductor) 6, W. Clayfield 7, W. Brooker 8. The conductor hails from Fairford (Gloucestershire).

WORCESTER.—On Sunday, July 15th, for morning service, at All Saints' Church, 640 Bristol Surprise Major: W. Niblett 1, J. J. Jefferies 2, W. C. Jones 3, G. Hinton, junr., 4, S. T. Holt 5, W. Lewis 6, W. Page (conductor) 7, C. Camm 8. Also 168 Stedman Triples, W. H. Johnson 4, conducted by J. J. Jefferies.

HEENE, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, July 1st, for evening service, 448 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. Arnold 1, Miss K. Willers 2, H. Tullet 3, W. Hillman 4, J. Farmer 5, H. Meelins 6, G. Norris 7, E. Lindup (conductor) 8.

GREENWICH.—On Sunday morning, July 15th, 336 168 and 126 Stedman Triples, with the bells half-muffled, prior to a memorial service for the late churchwarden, Mr. W. C. Fretwell, an alderman of the Greenwich Borough Council: I. G. Shade, J. J. Lamb, H. Hawkins, G. Rawlings, W. Rawlings, W. Shimmans, W. Berry, W. H. Billing, F. W. Thornton. Conducted by Messrs. Shade and Thornton.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Sunday, July 15th, for evensong, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,260 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 48 mins.: Mrs. R. J. Wilkins 1, R. Philpott 2, M. Smither 3, A. J. Bartlett 4, S. Dobbie 5, W. R. Melville 6, C. H. Dobbie 7, A. H. Pulling 8.

EVESHAM.—On Sunday, July 15th, for morning service, 1,259 Grandsire Caters, in 47 mins.: W. Langdon 1, A. Jones 2, J. D. Johnson 3, C. J. Choct 4, J. Hemming 5, W. Worsley 6, W. T. Elson (conductor) 7, E. Cassell 8, J. Herbert 9, H. J. Phipps 10. Rung during the outing of the ringers from St. Marys, Putney. Ringers of 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 belong to the Putney band, the rest are local men.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, July 15th, 1,296 Stedman Caters: A. Cutmore 1, W. H. Wood 2, R. Fardon 3, W. H. Hollier 4, G. Iles, J. A. Trollope 6, A. Harding 7, F. Skerington 8, J. W. Driver (conductor) 9, G. P. Edwards 10.—For evening service, on July 1st, 1,260 Bob Royal: *H. Rivers 1, J. A. Trollope (composer and conductor) 2, *W. H. Wood 3, R. Fardon 4, A. Cutmore 5, G. Iles 6, W. H. Hollier 7, A. Harding 8, F. Skerington 9, J. W. Driver 10. * First quarter-peal of Bob Royal.

MARKET DEEPIING.—At the Parish Church, for morning service, on July 15th, 698 of Minor, containing the following methods: Primrose and Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Double Bob, and Plain Bob: H. M. Day (conductor) 1, A. Riggall 2, Wm. Tilley 3, W. A. Day 4, J. Landon 5, G. H. Wells 6.—For evening service, 720 of Double and Single Court: R. Oldham (first 720) 1, H. Hayes 2, A. Riggall 3, H. M. Day (conductor) 4, J. Landon 5, G. H. Wells 6.

BRIGHTON.—On Sunday, July 15th, at the Church of St. Nicholas, 448 Superlative: W. Palmer 1, J. Jay 2, *Miss R. Willers 3, E. C. Merritt 4, F. Bennett 5, K. Hart 6, C. Palmer 7, J. Dearlove 8. * First touch in the method.

BURSELEM, STAFFS.—On Sunday, July 15th, at the Parish Church, a 700 of Kent and Oxford Spliced Minor, for the morning service. Believed to be the first 700 of any sliced method in the district of North Staffordshire: H. Box 1, T. Hurd 2, A. Lees 3, P. Kelsall 4, S. Cardell 5, T. Hilditch (conductor) 6.

GREAT BENTLEY.—On Sunday morning, July 15th, 360 Bob Minor, with the bells muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Lord Bishop of Chelmsford: P. Almond 1, J. Howell 2, S. Harris 3, E. Eady 4, T. Reed (Hadleigh, Suffolk) 5, W. J. Nevard (conductor) 6.

HEADINGLEY.—At St. Michael's, for evening service on Sunday, July 8th, 576 London Surprise: J. Bennett 1, Miss O. L. Lumley 2, R. Thomas 3, G. Robinson 4, S. Sadler 5, W. Wood 6, H. Lindsay (conductor) 7, W. O. Talbot 8.

PETERBOROUGH.—On Sunday, July 8th, at St. John-the-Baptist Church, for morning service, 672 Superlative Surprise Major: E. Dainty 1, Miss Hara 2, H. J. Poole (Leicester) 3, W. M. Cross 4, H. Beechey 5, T. R. Vaughan 6, F. T. Cooke 7, C. T. P. Brice (conductor) 8.

WEST EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Stephen's Church, for morning service, on Sunday, July 8th, 1,000 Stedman Triples (odd bob): H. Folkard 1, E. J. Walsom 2, P. E. Clark 3, G. E. Harbour 4, C. Edwards 5, E. Harris 6, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7, F. S. Palmer 8.

STOKE POGES.—On Sunday, July 8th, 240 Grandsire Doubles: J. Shaker 1, E. C. Hartley 2, Mrs. A. D. Barker 3, W. L. Gutteridge 4, T. G. Hawkins (conductor) 5, A. D. Barker 6. Also 240 conducted by W. L. Gutteridge; 120 Stedman Doubles, conducted by Mrs. A. D. Barker; and 120 Kent Treble Bob Minor, conducted by A. D. Barker.

LAVERNHAM.—On Sunday morning, June 24th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (from Thurstons' 4-part): F. Turner 1, M. Symonds 2, S. H. Symonds 3, F. Poulson 4, F. Mortlock 5, W. R. J. Poulson 6, C. W. R. Grimwood (conductor) 7, H. Richold 8.

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Rung at St. Saviour's Cathedral, Southwark, on Whit Monday, May 21st, 1923, in 9 hours 47 minutes by the Ancient Society of College Youths, conducted by H. Langdon.

SUFFOLK GUILD.

A meeting of the Lavenham District of the Suffolk Guild was held at Great and Little Waldingfield, members attending from six parishes as follow:—A. Symonds (district secretary), S. H. Symonds, W. R. and F. A. Poulson and F. Turner (Lavenham), E. Ambrose, T. Chenery and H. Richold (Melford), H. Catterwell, P. Johnson and F. Kemp (Cavendish), A. Scott (Sudbury), D. Gridley, (Clare), G. Golding and S. Gooday (Great Waldingfield). At Little Waldingfield 120's of Plain, Stedman and Old Doubles were rung, and the party then proceeded to Great Waldingfield, where Oxford Bob, Single Court, Double Court, College Single, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob were rung, the conductors being S. H. Symonds and J. Poulson. It is a great pity that the frame in this tower, holding an historical peal of bells, cast by H. Briant, of Hertford, is in such a bad state, making ringing almost impossible.

KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR RECORD.

An attempt for a record peal of Kent Treble Bob Major will be made by members of the Chester Diocesan Guild at Over, Cheshire, on Saturday, July 21st, commencing at 8.30 a.m., provided that the church is not required for any occasional service at present unforeseen.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Established 1637.—Meeting for practice will be held at *St. Mary le Bow, Cheapside, on the 24th, and St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 26th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Crayford on Saturday, July 21st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Half fares up to 2/- paid at this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James', Haslingden, on Saturday, July 21st. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting 7. These bells have only recently been re-hung, and are now in good ringing order.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Oadby on Saturday, July 21st. Ringing from 3 p.m.—H. E. Norman, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival, 1923.—The festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 21st (D.V.). Service in Cathedral at 11.15. Preacher: The Rev. Canon W. W. C. Baker, Master of Bedfordshire Association. Business meeting in Chapter House, immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Dining Hall at 1.30. Tickets 2/6 each to members, 3/- to non-members. The G.W.R. will issue return tickets at single fare from any station in Berks, Bucks and Oxon, and the L.M. & S.R. return tickets at single fare from any station within 60 miles of Oxford.—Richard T. Hibbert, Sec., Warren House Lodge, St. Peter's Avenue, Caversham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Nottingham and District.—The monthly meeting of the above will be held at West Hallam (Bells 6), on Saturday, July 21st. Train leaves Victoria Station 2.30. return fare 1/4 for party of 12 and over. Please communicate with Sec. early to make up party.—F. Blood, Loc. Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

HANLEY PARISH CHURCH.—Re-opening of Peal of Ten Bells.—On Saturday afternoon, 21st July next, the Bishop of Stafford will dedicate the ring of ten bells at Hanley Parish Church, which have been recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston. The service will commence at 3.15 p.m., and after an opening touch by the local band the tower will be thrown open to visiting ringers. Tea will be provided for visitors free of charge. Will members of associations please notify their secretaries so that the latter may let me have the number coming by Wednesday, 18th July?—E. Corner, c/o Mr. Edmund Jones, Chemist, Hanley, Hon. Sec., Hanley Ringers.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—The Annual General meeting will be held at Ipswich on Saturday, July 21st. Service in St. Mary-le-Tower Church with sermon by Ven. W. T. Farmiloe, Archdeacon, at 3.30. Tea in the Co-operative Society's Small Hall at 4 p.m. Meeting there afterwards. Ringing as usual.—Herbert Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Sharnford on Saturday, July 21st. Bells available 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Cotton, Loc. Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Goudhurst on Saturday, July 21st. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea at the Star and Crown Hotel, followed by business meeting. Half travelling expenses up to 2/- each will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — A meeting will be held at Aldenham on Saturday, July 21st. Bells available at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by meeting. I shall be glad to hear from those who propose to attend.—H. Eden, Hon. Sec. Watford Division, 11, Pinner Road, Watford.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Richmond on Saturday, July 21st. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and meeting to follow.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at Kimpton and Wheathampstead (two six-bell towers), on Saturday, July 21st. Bells available at Kimpton at 3 p.m. Short Service at 5 p.m. Tea after Service by arrangement. Wheathampstead available at 6.30 p.m. Will all who can please attend this meeting?—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Kempston on Saturday, July 21st. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Will members who intend coming please notify me so that I can arrange tea? All ringers and friends welcome.—H. L. Harlow, Dis. Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual general meeting of the Guild will be held in the Birmingham district on Saturday, July 21st. The towers of Aston Parish Church (10), and Erdington R.C. (8), will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Short Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Election of officers, etc.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pendleton on Saturday, July 21st. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 p.m. A good 'turn-up' is requested, as the committee meeting is being held on the same date.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The Annual meeting will be held at Carlton-in-Cleveland on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) available for ringing from 2 p.m. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea at the 'Fox and Hounds.' A hearty invitation is extended to all ringers.—A. L. Henderson, Secretary, Mayfield, Pickering.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — A meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, July 21st. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Business meeting after. All ringers welcome.—W. Bottrill, Hon. Sec., 62, Thorpe-dale Road, Holloway, N.4.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cranleigh on Saturday, July 21st. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. — Miss H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Meeting St. Clement Danes, Monday, July 23rd, 7.30 p.m.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec., *pro tem.*

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Middleton, on the 28th July. Bells ready 3.30 till 9. All invited. —Herbert Stansfield, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — The next quarterly meeting will be at Loughborough on the 28th July. This meeting has been particularly arranged in connection with the opening of the War Memorial Carillon, which will be played during the day. Messrs. John Taylor & Co. have very kindly extended an invitation for tea at 4.30 in the Fearon Hall (near Parish Church) to those members who will send an acceptance not later than Wednesday, the 25th, to Mr. Pryce Taylor, Bell Foundry, Loughborough. Owing to the large number of visitors to the town arrangements have to be made in good time. The general meeting of members will be held in the Fearon Hall after tea. During the day the Bell Foundry will—by kind permission—be open to visitors, and during the time the Carillon is not being played the Foundry Bells will be available for ringing. The times for such ringing and also for the Committee meetings will be announced when it is decided at what hours the Carillon will be played.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — The Annual Festival will be held on Saturday, July 28th, at Hyde. Service in St. George's Church, at 2 o'clock. Preacher, the Vicar. Other particulars by circular.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Rothwell on Saturday, 28th July. Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 6, Laurel Grove, Armley.

WINCHESTER GUILD.—A meeting for combined practice will be held at North Stoneham on July 28th. Bells (8) from 2 p.m. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea please notify, not later than July 25th.—Mr. W. T. Tucker, 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Sandhurst on Saturday, July 28th, from 6 till 9 p.m.—Jos. White.

SALOP GUILD — Quarterly meeting at Shifnal on Saturday, July 28th, 2 p.m. Ringing 5 p.m. Tea at Mr. B. Jones' Refreshment Rooms, Victoria Road, 1/- each. Meeting after tea.—Rev. F. Tennyson, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Yate, on Saturday, July 28th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The Annual Summer Festival will be held at Maulden on Saturday, July 28th. Maulden (6) and Flitton (6) will be available from 2.30. Ampthill (6) later. Tea arrangements will be notified during the afternoon. A good attendance is requested, and all ringers welcome.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street, Dunstable.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at Gt. Wymondley on Saturday, July 28th. Bells (6) available all the afternoon and evening. The bells of St. Ippolyts (6) can also be had at the same time. All invited.—F. R. Bacon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Rawmarsh, on Saturday, July 28th. Bells ready early. Tea only provided for those who notify me before the 24th.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Chew Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, August 4th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rainford on Saturday, August 4th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. All ringers welcome.—J. Hallsall, Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The August meeting of the above will be held at Bishop Auckland and Shildon on Saturday, August 4th, 1923. The bells of both churches are available. The Vicar of S. Andrew's (Bishop Auckland) has kindly offered to provide tea in the Mission Room at 5 p.m. to those who attend and notify me by Tuesday, July 31st, 1923.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Wrotham on Saturday, August 4th. Bells available for ringing at 3 o'clock. Short Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea provided by the Rector, and business meeting. Those intending to be present please let me know not later than Tuesday, July 31st. Half railway fares paid up to 2/- at this meeting.—Stephen Hayzelden, Hon. Dis. Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech branch.—A district meeting will be held at March, Cambs (6 bells), on Saturday, August 4th. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea provided by the Rector. The General Secretary of the Association intends to be present. All ringers welcome. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Please let me know early. A good gathering is hoped for.—H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwy Road, March.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual meeting, tea and social of the above branch will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, August 11th. All ringers and friends cordially invited. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Teas 1/8, names to be sent to Mr. D. Dawson, 42, West View, Clitheroe, not later than August 7th.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Highworth on Saturday, July 28th. Bells (8) available for 3 p.m.—H. A. Hearl, Branch Hon. Sec., 5, The Knoll, Swindon.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chertsey on Saturday, August 4th. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m., Church Room. Members will greatly assist if they will notify me by Friday, August 3rd.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen's Street, Chertsey.

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