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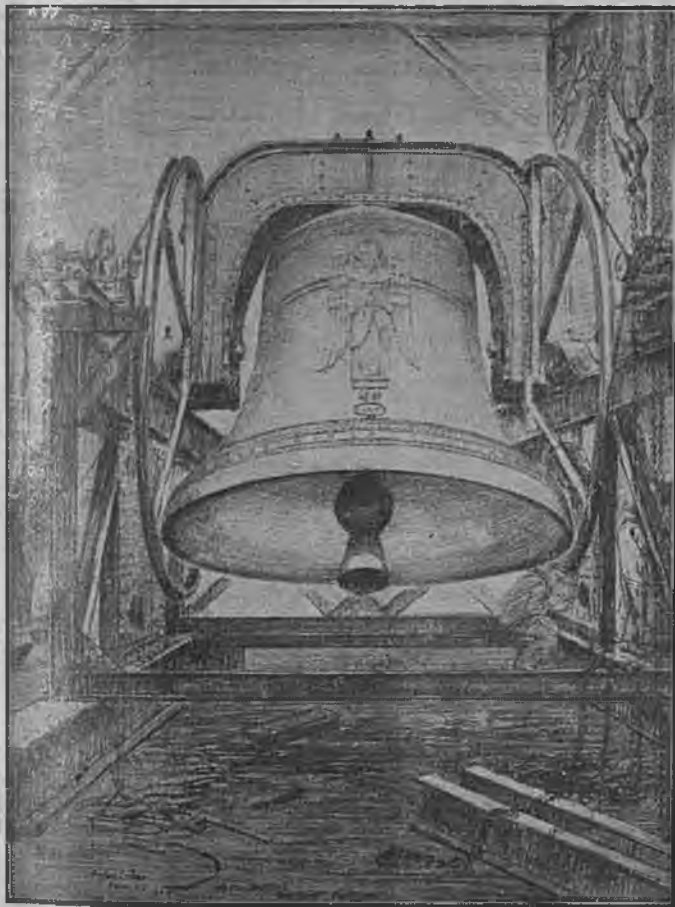
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PLANS FOR THE COMING MONTHS

The approach of longer evenings and the curtailment of hours which can be spent in outdoor occupations, when suspended ringing practices will be resumed and ringers think of returning from playing fields and garden to the belfry, is the time when all who are eager to improve their skill in ringing or to see the art advanced should make their plans. Without some crystallised scheme to promote progress, there is little hope of turning the opportunities of the coming months to fullest advantage. Even those who have been able to maintain their practices during the summer would do well to lay plans for the winter—to have some definite object in view; to determine on some new stage of advancement. But in those towers where there has been a lapse of practices, perhaps for months, a real attempt at reorganisation and a 'plan of campaign' are almost essential, if next summer is to see the company any further advanced than the last.

The summer hiatus frequently results in one or more of the indifferent ones dropping out altogether, and these gaps should be filled at the earliest opportunity. Moreover, it ought not to be left to one member of the band—usually more enthusiastic than the rest—to do all the 'donkey work' of teaching new hands to handle a bell. This is a task in which all should share; and it ought to be no matter of casual interest either. Unless a company is at full strength, and can ring all the bells all the time, half the interest goes out of ringing, and it is this, more often than not, that results in the eventual dispersal of a band. The filling of the ranks, then, should be the first matter for attention, and where there is already a band capable of change ringing there should be a definite intention of going on to a new method or methods. There is no excuse in these days that the ladder of progress is difficult to climb; the steps have been made both short and easy for those who have hitherto got no farther than Grandsire or Plain Bob. The Central Council's Collections of Methods come to the aid of everyone, and any band of average intelligence that is ringing Bob Major, for instance, to-day ought to be ringing Double Norwich before the winter is out, for they can reach it by easy stages if the complete jump is too big to be taken all at once. But whatever position a band may have reached, there is always a step forward that can be made, and no company worthy of the name will take up the winter's work without the determination to reach a new standard by the time practice is again interrupted.

In every tower, whether shorthanded or not, there ought to be a relay of recruits taught; where change

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ringing has got but a precarious hold, the band should determine to get a good grip of it, and this can only be done by the loyal support of everyone, both by study outside the tower and regular practice in the belfry; where competent bands already exist, let them set out to ring methods in a higher category or add to the variety of what they ring. If this spirit of aspiration and performance were generally to prevail, the work of the coming months would put the Exercise in a much stronger position, and ringers themselves would find an even greater interest in the art.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, September 2, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

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| HENRY H. FEARN Treble | PERCY J. JOHNSON 7 |
| FRANK W. PERRINS 2 | WILLIAM C. DOWDING 8 |
| GEORGE E. FEARN 3 | ERNEST MANSELL 9 |
| WILLIAM HIBBERT 4 | FRANK E. PERVIN 10 |
| ALBERT WALKER 5 | JAMES GEORGE 11 |
| JOHN NEAL 6 | JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

This peal has 28 courses in the titmuss position in seven course blocks, with the 6th the extent at home, and ten courses in the handstroke home position. Arranged as a wedding peal to the conductor's daughter, who was married at St. Martin's Church on Saturday, August 30th, by the Rector of Birmingham.

TEN BELL PEALS.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE NORTH WALES
ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 28, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

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| ROBERT SPERRING Treble | * EDWARD V. RODENHORST 6 |
| GEORGE R. JONES 2 | * JAMES MORGAN 7 |
| * WILLIAM JONES 3 | * JAMES SWINDLEY 8 |
| * ARTHUR NEWELL 4 | * PERCY SWINDLEY 9 |
| WILLIAM H. SHUKER 5 | SAMUEL JONES, JUN. Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal. First of Oxford Treble Bob Royal in Wales. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Alfred Lea and Miss Mary Jones, Mr. Lea being one of the local ringers. Mr. Wm. H. Shuker was made a life member of the North Wales Association before starting for the peal.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5087 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

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| JOSEPH C. DEAN Treble | JOHN J. TAYLOR 6 |
| FRANK E. PERVIN 2 | FRED HOPPER 7 |
| BERTIE O. SODEN 3 | JOHN T. HENSMAN 8 |
| THOMAS LAW 4 | WILLIAM HIBBERT 9 |
| TOM TEBBUTT 5 | HARRY MARLOW Tenor |

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by F. E. PERVIN.

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THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 50 cwt.

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| HORACE BELCHER Treble | WILFRED WILLIAMS 6 |
| *EDWARD H. SPICE 2 | RONALD H. BULLEN 7 |
| JOHN H. CRAMPION 3 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS 8 |
| WILLIAM H. HEWETT 4 | RICHARD F. DEAL 9 |
| JOHN A. WAUGH 5 | REBBEN SANDERS Tenor |

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT

* First touch of Cambridge Royal. First peal of Cambridge Royal on the bells, which are the heaviest peal rung to Surprise Royal. Mr. R. F. Deal has now rung Cambridge Major, Royal and Maximus on these famous bells, and is the first to do so.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;
Tenor 30 cwt.

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| WILLIAM WHITE Treble | *EDWARD T. GRIFFIN 6 |
| PERCY MERSON 2 | *SYDNEY A. RICKETTS 7 |
| ARTHUR H. REED 3 | JAMES HUNT 8 |
| FRANK ROWSELL 4 | WILLIAM H. LOVD 9 |
| JOSEPH FOWLER 5 | SEYMOUR R. BARKER Tenor |

Composed by FRANK HOPGOOD. Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. The ringers of the 6th and 7th and 4th and 10th hail from Yeovil and South Wales respectively, and this peal was arranged for them.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt.

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| FRANK G. RINGE Treble | ERNEST J. BUTLER 5 |
| ROBERT HEAZEL 2 | ERNEST W. FURBANK 6 |
| JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. 3 | JAMES BENNETT 7 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 4 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 7, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF COLLEGE SINGLE MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

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| LEONARD SHAW Treble | JOHN R. BREARLEY 5 |
| SAMUEL HARRISON 2 | ARNOLD HAIGH 6 |
| WILLIAM A. WOOLER 3 | JOHN A. BREARLEY 7 |
| JAMES H. CHARLESWORTH 4 | WILLIAM HARRISON Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. A. BREARLEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Bessie Brearley, sister of the conductor, and daughter of Mr. J. R. Brearley.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 2, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| FRED HINDLE Treble | ARTHUR TOMLINSON 5 |
| TOM CHAMBERS 2 | THOMAS WATSON 6 |
| NORMAN KENYON 3 | JAMES HARRISON 7 |
| MISS M. CLAYTON 4 | JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON Tenor |

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

Arranged for Mr. T. Watson, of Dalton-in-Furness, who was on a visit to the district.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 3, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 11½ cwt.

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| ARTHUR TOMLINSON Treble | JOHN SANDERSON 5 |
| ARNOLD BRUNTON 2 | RICHARD BALDERSTONE 6 |
| NORMAN KENYON 3 | THOMAS WATSON 7 |
| FRED HINDLE 4 | LADRENCE J. WILLIAMS Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 3, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNAIUS-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

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| JOHN J. LEIGHTON Treble | WILFRID J. MOSS 5 |
| GEORGE S. TAYLOR 2 | †DAVID VINCENT 6 |
| MICHAEL F. HARRISON 3 | JOSEPH W. PARKER 7 |
| *HAROLD B. DITCHBURN 4 | ROBERT L. PATTERSON Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by J. W. PARKER.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method. Arranged for Mr. W. J. Moss, of Manchester, who was elected a member previous to starting.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 3, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

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| JOHN H. SWINFIELD Treble | ARTHUR SHARP 5 |
| MAURICE SWINFIELD 2 | FREDERICK T. JUSTICE 6 |
| JOSEPH BAILEY 3 | ALFRED J. BARRATT 7 |
| CHARLES DRAPER 4 | JAMES GEORGE Tenor |

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

This peal was arranged for Mr. Justice, one of the local band, and was his first peal with a working bell. The band once again thank the Vicar (the Rev. J. S. Galloway) for kindly providing tea after the peal.

WASHINGBOROUGH, LINCS.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thursday, September 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TEURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

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| REV. H. LAW JAMES (Caus) Treble | REV. B. F. SHEPPARD (Trinity) 5 |
| REV. R. WHITFORD (Pemb.) 2 | E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.) ... 6 |
| F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath.) ... 3 | REV. C. W. O. JENKYN (Trin.) 7 |
| REV. E. G. BENSON (St. Cath.) 4 | W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') Tenor |

Conducted by the Rev. C. W. O. JENKYN.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 4, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

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| JOHN R. RODWELL Treble | *GEORGE B. COLE 5 |
| WILLIAM G. EDWARDS 2 | WILLIAM T. TUCKER 6 |
| FREDERICK G. COLE 3 | GEORGE WILLIAMS 7 |
| FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 4 | ALAN R. PINK Tenor |

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLBY. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS

* First peal of Superlative, and for whom it was arranged.

ROCK FERRY, CHESHIRE.—On Thursday, September 4th, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes) in 42 mins., being 360 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Single and 180 of Plain Bob: H. Parry (first quarter-peal) 1, Miss E. M. Cooke (first away from treble) 2, J. Leslie 3, F. Banton 4, W. Dean (first as conductor) 5, J. Cooke 6. Arranged for the ringer of the 2nd, who was home on holiday.

ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 6, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble | FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... 5 |
| JOSIAH D. HARRIS 2 | ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 6 |
| HENRY J. TUCKER 3 | FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7 |
| KEITH HART 4 | FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... Tenor |

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by F. W. ROGERS.

First peal in the method on the bells and the conductor's 100th Surprise peal. Also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

NORTH MIMMS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5624 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

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| WILLIAM NASH Treble | *LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH ... 5 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 2 | JOHN T. KENTISH 6 |
| JOHN G. NASH 3 | CECIL W. PIPE 7 |
| JAMES BENNETT 4 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. W. Pipe.

GREAT TEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt. in G.

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| CLAUDE SNOWDEN Treble | WILLIAM KEEBLE 5 |
| FRANK CLAYDON 2 | †ALBERT WIFFEN 6 |
| *FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 3 | GEORGE GREEN 7 |
| LEWIS W. WIFFEN 4 | CHARLES SMITH Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.

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

PETERSFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

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| FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... Treble | WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 5 |
| MISS IRENE L. HASTIE ... 2 | HARRY L. W. AITKEN ... 6 |
| RAYMOND OVERY 3 | JOHN H. B. HESSE 7 |
| ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... 4 | ALAN R. PINK Tenor |

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 18 cwt.

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| JOHN BROWN Treble | JAMES HARRISON 5 |
| *JAMES SMITH 2 | WILLIAM E. WILSON 6 |
| MISS M. CLAYTON 3 | ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7 |
| THOMAS WATSON 4 | FRED HINDLE Tenor |

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

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| *MISS I. ROE Treble | THOMAS F. KING 5 |
| WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 2 | WILLIAM H. CROCKER ... 6 |
| *MRS. M. BROOME 3 | GILBERT H. HARDING ... 7 |
| MISS N. G. WILLIAMS ... 4 | ALBERT WRIGHT Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT.

* First peal.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.

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| *CYRIL POOLEY Treble | WILLIAM CLOVER 5 |
| WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 2 | †WALTER R. FARROW ... 6 |
| NOLAN GOLDEN 3 | †ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... 7 |
| GEORGE MAYERS 4 | GEORGE BAILEY Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Major at first attempt. † First peal in the method. ‡ First of Major 'inside' and 25th peal.

SILENT PEAL.

BREWOOD, STAFFORD.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

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| *HERBERT KNIGHT Treble | JOHN PERRY 5 |
| GEORGE F. SWANN 2 | CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 6 |
| FRANK W. PERRINS 3 | ROBERT PICKERING 7 |
| ROBERT MATTHEWS 4 | EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... Tenor |

Umpire: WILLIAM A. COOPER.

* 400th peal. Rung for the dedication festival. First non-conducted peal of Stedman for this society. At the conclusion of the peal the band were kindly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Perry.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 7, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| KENNETH SNELLING Treble | REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 5 |
| GEORGE OLLIVER 2 | WILFRED WILLIAMS 6 |
| ROBERT SWIFT 3 | RONALD H. BULLEN 7 |
| NELSON ELLIOTT 4 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor |

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLY.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS

The ringer of the 6th was elected a member of the Sussex County Association previous to starting the peal.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 30, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

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| JOHN WALDEN Treble | GEORGE R. PYE 5 |
| ALBERT W. COLES 2 | JAMES BENNETT 6 |
| FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 3 | RUPERT RICHARDSON 7 |
| CHARLES T. COLES 4 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

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**SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sunday, August 31, 1930, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
AT GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

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| THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. | | Tenor size 13 cwt. in E. | |
| GEORGE R. PYE 1-2 | RUPERT RICHARDSON 5-6 | WILLIAM PYE 3-4 | CHARLES T. COLES 7-8 |

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Witnesses: JAMES BENNETT and JOHN WALDEN.

William Pye has now called a peal on every day in the year, i.e., 366 different dates.

**KIRTON-IN-HOLLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Monday, September 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

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| Tenor 17 cwt. | |
| GEORGE LADD Treble | JOHN WALDEN 5 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 2 | JOHN A. FREEMAN 6 |
| CHARLES T. COLES 3 | RUPERT RICHARDSON 7 |
| ALBERT W. COLES 4 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

SIBSEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

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| Tenor 16 cwt. | |
| GEORGE LADD Treble | CHARLES T. COLES 5 |
| ALBERT W. COLES 2 | JOHN A. FREEMAN 6 |
| JOHN WALDEN 3 | RUPERT RICHARDSON 7 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 4 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS.

**THRANDESTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

On Sunday, August 31, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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| Consisting of seven different extents, one of Double Court, and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. | |
| WILLIAM MUSK Treble | PERCY L. JOHNSON 4 |
| ALPHEDUS J. BERRY 2 | DAVID WHISING 5 |
| KEITH WHITTLE 3 | GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor |

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

COMPTON MARTIN, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

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| *J. HOUSE Treble | W. WEBB 4 |
| *E. BATH 2 | *J. TOSSELL 5 |
| *C. FIELD 3 | C. R. LILLEY Tenor |

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Minor.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 3, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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| Comprising seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp. | |
| *ERIC DERRANT Treble | NOLAN GOLDEN 4 |
| ROBERT G. CATCHPOLE 2 | WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD 5 |
| PHILIP N. BARTON 3 | ARTHUR S. ROBERTS Tenor |

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal. Mr. Roberts is from Truro, Cornwall, and was on holiday in the district.

**WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

On Thursday, September 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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| Being 720 Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt. | |
| GEORGE LEE Treble | *MISS G. BURCHNALL 4 |
| *MISS K. BURCHNALL 2 | ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON 5 |
| *PERCY C. BONNETT 3 | FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor |

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

* Elected life members of the Guild previous to the peal. Arranged and rung especially to oblige the Misses Burchnall and Mr. P. C. Bonnett, who hail from Sutton-on-Trent, Notts, and Stagsden, Beds, respectively.

COMPTON DANDO, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1930, in Three Hours,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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| Being two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Single Court and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. | |
| WILLIAM ROSEWELL Treble | FREDERICK TARGETT 4 |
| JOHN TARGETT 2 | RONALD G. BECK 5 |
| ALFRED E. REEVES 3 | JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor |

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal on the bells.

SELSTON, NOTTS.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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| Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. | |
| WILLIAM SWAIN Treble | *CYRIL JACQUES 4 |
| *GERARD RAWSON 2 | FRED W. KNOWLES 5 |
| ARTHUR SMITHSON 3 | JOHN W. ENGLAND Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN W. ENGLAND.

* First peal. First attempt by the ringer of the 4th. Both are Sunday service ringers at this church. It is nearly 21 years since a peal was rung on these bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

SURFLEET, LINCS.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 3, 1930, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE VICARAGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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| REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 1-2 | W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') ... 5-6 |
| (Trinity) 1-2 | REV. B. F. SHEPPARD (Trinity) 7-8 |
| F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath.) ... 3-4 | |

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

Witness: A. G. G. THORLOW (Selwyn).

THORPE MARKET, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 7, 1930, in Two Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. GEORGE EARLE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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| Comprising seven variations of extents. Tenor size 17 in A. | |
| WALTER C. MEDLER 1-2 | NOLAN GOLDEN 3-4 |
| CYRIL POOLEY 5-6 | |

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Witnesses: MRS. WALTER C. MEDLER and GEORGE EARLE.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM RINGERS' TOUR.

On Saturday afternoon, August 23rd, St. Peter's Guild, Sible Hedingham, went for a short tour and first visited the tower of Great Finborough, where they rang touches of Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Grandsire Doubles. Afterwards they visited the towers of Stowmarket, Hadleigh and Sudbury, where touches of Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Stedman, Grandsire Triples, and Cambridge Surprise were brought round.

A GLIMPSE OF THE PAST.

A COUNTRY BAND OF RINGERS A CENTURY AGO.

A glimpse of the ringers and ringing in an old country market town a hundred years ago is provided by the following sketch which appeared in a series of reminiscences of 'Our Parish,' written by a resident of Hailsham, Sussex, half a century ago. He discussed the changes that had taken place since his boyhood, and we get quite an interesting and, doubtless, true picture of the conditions that prevailed in that country belfry in those days.

'Looking back,' he wrote, 'we may note other features and changes. To begin with, our church ringers. Then, the master tradesman thought it no degradation, but rather an honourable distinction, to be one to minister to the rights of the belfry. To be a ringer was a privilege. I remember but one new hand, and he carried his election by force of prescriptive right and family interest. His father had been one of the fraternity, and a brother stood then foremost man as leader. Each bell had its regular hand. There was the hatter, glover, shoemaker and blacksmith in succession, and a few others—odd men to take a turn as occasion required, and one, the street driver, who was always needed to fetch the beer from the tavern. They were all professionally earnest, devoted men, and, to do them justice, as a rule—and what rule is not more or less broken?—they were sober men. But the potent god, bred of malt and hops, at times got possession of the brain, and then was the time to take note of the work of the features and lips as the ropes flew up and down. No wedding was allowed to go by unringed or uncared for. On practice nights and rare occasions they would treat the outside world with a set of changes. Four bells allowed but little variation, yet with the steady and even pull of the tenor by the tall blacksmith, George Huggett, and the clear unerring lead of the hatter, Samuel Jenner, the old-fashioned peal was considered to be eclipsed by the change of four-and-twenty. The great treat of the year was, when I was a boy, to be awakened on Christmas morning by the early clatter of the bells, and to lay awake watching until midnight on New Year's Eve to hear the old year rung out and the new year rung in; and during the whole of my life I have never once upon these occasions been beyond the reach of the gladdening sound. I have hoped to live to hear a fuller peal. I have implored those in authority upon the subject, but with no success, to add a sixth. Our old ringers would yearly make a house-to-house call and accept any gratuity as an acknowledgment for their services. What master tradesman now amongst us would do the like?'

The writer of 'Our Parish' died in the year 1889 without seeing the accomplishment of his wish for an augmented ring of bells, but early in the following year the bells were rehung in a new frame and three troubles were added to make a ring of eight. The five original bells were cast by John Hodson, of London, in 1663, but the second of them was recast in 1668, and the third in 1768.

LONDON & SURREY ASSOCIATIONS AT BEDDINGTON.

A HEAT WAVE MEETING.

A joint meeting of the London County and Surrey Associations was held at Beddington on Saturday, August 30th, in delightfully hot weather, so hot, indeed, that it is feared that many people were afraid to venture. About 3.30, one, coatless and hatless, strolled across Beddington Park, finding sufficient shade to prevent himself being melted, and, on approaching the fine old church, in which hang an excellent peal of ten bells of about 18½ cwt., of which everyone has or ought to have heard, music came filtering through the trees. 'Ah! yes, that's Stedman Triples,' and then 'That's all' came up, and off went the bells again to Grandsire. The coatless one reached the belfry at the conclusion of that touch. He was accorded a hearty welcome, inasmuch as he seemed ready stripped for ringing. Up to tea time various touches were rung, but the company did not swell so much as was anticipated. Tea was partaken of at the Harvest Home, a party of 20 sitting down, and lingering and chatting for a bit afterwards.

The tower was revisited for an hour or so, and the company returned to the 'Home' for a social hour, under the directorship of Mr. C. Kippen, who, with the 'carillon' (by the way, one gentleman said Charlie had got the bells all mixed up), set the party community singing. Other items were well executed by the same Charlie, accompanied by Messrs. Darby (piano) and Wills (concertina). Songs were sung by Mrs. Darby, Mr. Bernard Wells, Mr. Herbert and A. N. Osher. He of the no coat, having a long way to go, left the party still enjoying themselves.

Thanks are due to the Rector for the use of the bells and to Mr. C. Kippen and Mr. D. Cooper for the splendid arrangements.

A VISIT TO MOTTRAM.

On Saturday, September 6th, eight of the ringers of Milnrow Parish Church had an outing to Mottram (Cheshire). They were met on arrival by Mr. B. Goddard, and rang touches of Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire Triples. After tea a return was made to the belfry and a quarter-peal of Bob Major was rung: Stephen Parry 1, Walter Staff 2, John Fitton 3, George Staff (conductor) 4, John H. C. Massey 5, John C. Bennett 6, Albert Buckley 7, Andrew Sidebottom 8.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH RINGERS' LONG TREK.

For once in a while the weather behaved quite decently, and at 7 a.m. promptly a merry party of husbands and wives, sweethearts and bachelors left 'the Boro' for 'the good old annual.' The Finedon contingent was picked up in due course, and at Barton Seagrave the last member of the party came aboard; perfectly sober in spite of his name. Good roads and a capable driver made a very pleasant journey through Leicester and Loughborough to the first stop, Beeston, reached a little in front of the scheduled time. A hearty welcome by Mr. Albert Coppock and Miss Thompson (the former an old friend of some of the company), and soon the handy peal of eight (19½wt. in F) were merrily ringing to Loudon, Superlative, Double Norwich and Stedman. Through lovely scenery, deep cuttings and avenues of silver beech and firs, another 17 miles was then covered, and Mansfield reached once more before schedule. The party were met by the veteran, Mr. T. Bettison, and Mr. C. Carr. The bells of SS. Peter and Paul's Church (tenor 14cwt.) were raised, and, in spite of the need of attention by a bellhanger, Bristol, Superlative, Double Norwich and Stedman were rung. The interesting old chime barrel, still in use, was inspected, and then the company sat down to an excellent repast at the Swan Hotel. Mr. W. Perkins presided, and Mr. Bettison and Mr. Carr were the guests of the company.

After lunch, the party again took to the road and made for Bolsover, where the Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence undoubtedly possesses one of the finest peals of eight in the country (tenor 14½wt.). The visitors were unanimous in their appreciation. Messrs. E. Robins and Jim Moss met the tourists on their arrival, followed by the well-known conductor, Mr. John Flint, and an old friend in Mr. Arthur Knights, who came from Chesterfield with a great desire to meet the big little 'Andy' of Arleborough.

Canon Paget, the Vicar, also came into the belfry and gave the visitors a hearty welcome. Great interest was taken in the peal boards recording peals of Peterborough, Pudsey, Rutland, Norfolk, London and Bristol Surprise, which hang in the belfry. Well-struck touches of London, Bristol and Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich and Stedman were all successfully brought round.

The ladies, in the meantime, paid a visit to the historic Bolsover Castle with its magnificent architecture (partly in ruins), and the house with its wonderful and priceless paintings now being renovated and restored. The old sexton's knowledge of epitaphs greatly interested some of the party. Tea followed, kindly arranged by Mr. John Flint, the company then being augmented by Mr. J. Brothwell, who motored over from Rotherham.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Flint and the ladies who arranged the tea on the proposition of Mr. W. Perkins, seconded by Mr. T. Hensler, and Mr. Flint briefly responded. Then off again to Cresswell, in the heart of the colliery district and the home of the famous Cresswell Colliery Band. Messrs. A. Knights, J. Flint and J. Brothwell accompanied the visitors and took part in the ringing at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene (tenor 17½wt.). Superlative, Loudon, Cambridge, Double Norwich and Stedman were rung on this very merry peal and heartily enjoyed by all who took a rope. After refreshment at the nearest hostelry, 'good-bye' had to be said to all at 7.45 p.m. for the long trek home. The silver-toned vocalists opened their lungs and to a very musical accompaniment the party went through Warsop, Mansfield and Bradmore to the village of Costock, where a most enjoyable hour was spent in singing and hand-bell ringing until 'Time, gentlemen, please,' sent the company speeding home. The organisation of the outing was splendid and reflected great credit on the secretaries. Songs, glees, hymns, choruses and 'yarns' enlivened the homeward journey and concluded a thoroughly enjoyable outing.

T. R. H.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN BRANCH ENTERTAINED.

A most enjoyable meeting of the Western Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association was held at Stanley Castle on Saturday, August 30th. The Rev. B. H. T. Drake officiated at the service and afterwards the members were invited by Sir Edmund and Lady Lechmere to tea at Swan End. Amid beautiful surroundings tea was served on the lawn, and about 40 members sat down to do justice to the good things provided. Sir Edmund and Lady Lechmere, in welcoming their guests, remarked that it gave them great pleasure to entertain the members of the association, and hoped that they would have the opportunity of holding another meeting there in the future.

At the business meeting, which took place immediately after tea, Lady Lechmere was elected to the chair. Two new life members and six new performing members were elected.

At the close of the meeting the Rev. B. H. T. Drake and Mr. S. T. Holt expressed the thanks of the members to Sir Edmund and Lady Lechmere for their kindness.

HORNSEY.—On Sunday, July 27th, at St. Mary's Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor (1,296 changes) in 50 mins.: E. G. Hibble 1, F. G. Symonds 2, C. H. Ross 3, F. Fensom 4, M. Fensom 5, J. G. Nash (conductor) 6.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A 'TROPICAL' MEETING.

A meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, August 30th, in tropical weather, and the number attending was very small for the riverside church. Ringing commenced about 3.30 with short touches. A service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Dr. W. H. Flecker) and the singing was led by the organ.

After service the company adjourned to the Parish Hall for tea, the Vicar presiding, supported by Mr. J. H. Hunnisett and the hon. secretary (Mr. W. H. Hollier). The Vicar gave the Guild a most hearty welcome again to his parish.

The Vicar vacated the chair after tea, and the business meeting was presided over by Mr. Hunnisett. St. John's, Hillingdon, was announced for the October meeting, on the second Saturday in the month, and the usual notice will appear in 'The Ringing World.' At the request of the Vicar, touches were rung on the handbells by Messrs. W. C. Parker, E. S. Turner, L. Wilson (Swindon) and E. J. Goates.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for conducting the service and the welcome he gave to the Guild, to the organist, to the hostess (Miss Mackie) and her assistants, and to Mr. G. Walmsley and Mr. W. C. Parkes, of the local band. This concluded the meeting, after which St. Mary's tower was visited, but little ringing was done owing to the heat. The seats in the churchyard proved a great boon to some of the company on this occasion.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

A RINGING WEEK IN LINCOLNSHIRE.

The annual ringing week was held this year in Lincolnshire, headquarters being at Surfleet Vicarage. It was unfortunate that 13 members only were able to attend, some of whom were unable to take part in peal attempts. However, a peal of Stedman was rung at Washingborough, and some good practice was obtained at Heckington, Ewerby, Surfleet, Pinchbeck, Fulney, Croyland, Lincoln Cathedral and Spalding.

Those present were the Revs. H. Law James, E. Bankes James, Canon H. J. Elsee, C. W. O. Jenkyn, H. S. T. Richardson, R. H. Whitford, B. F. Sheppard, E. G. Benson, and Messrs. J. T. Rickman, E. M. Atkins, F. E. Haynes, W. H. J. Hooton and A. G. G. Thurlow. Next year the Guild hopes to meet in Hereford, and it is hoped that more members will be able to come.

ANOTHER 'OLD BILL' AT SURFLEET.

Another 'Old Bill,' with a few ringing friends, spent a pleasant week-end at Surfleet recently, at the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson. The host had arranged an attractive ringing programme, which was carried out with a hundred per cent. success. It was left to the host to choose the methods, and, as he considered 'London' a luxury, London it was. The first item on the programme, a peal at Spalding, was brought round in just over three hours. Next day Cambridge Royal and Stedman Caters at Surfleet for morning service were followed by an early dinner and a peal of Stedman Triples 'in hand.' One of the umpires went to sleep, to the obvious envy of the 7-8 man, who wanted to do likewise. Only the knowledge that a peal had to be rung that day made him keep awake.

This peal enabled the other 'Old Bill' to complete the full circle of dates as conductor, a wonderful achievement.

After tea, a run to Holbeach was suggested, where a course of London was rung for 'practice,' as only a peal had been rung the day before. The hostess pleased the party by ringing in this course, and is considered a good recruit for a peal in the method. The best thanks of the hand are due to the Holbeach ringers for allowing them to ring. Next day two more peals of London were rung at Kirton-in-Holland and Sibsey, which brought the ringing programme to an end. Back to Surfleet for tea, and a short talk with a few members of the Cambridge University Guild, who were just arriving, before starting for London—the town of that name, not the method—which was reached the same night in Bob's trusty steed.

The sincere thanks of the party are accorded to Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson for their usual unflinching and generous kindnesses. A stay at Surfleet is always pleasant, and departing time always comes much too quickly.

DEATH OF YORKSHIRE RINGER.

COLLAPSE FROM HEAT.

The death took place on Thursday afternoon, August 28th, of Mr. William Sutcliffe, of Sowerby, at the age of 64 years. He was overcome by the heat and collapsed while at work. He was removed to his home and died shortly after.

Mr. Sutcliffe had many friends, and at St. Peter's Church, Sowerby, was a devoted worker, having held various offices in the church besides being a bellringer and conductor for 42 years. He will be missed by all who came in contact with him.

The bells were rung muffled for his funeral by his fellow-ringers. Mr. Sutcliffe leaves a widow and one son.

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The photographs should be accompanied by brief particulars of the bells, with their inscriptions and dates if possible, and any other interesting information about them.

Pictures should, for preference, be photographic post-cards, and, where there is any choice, the tower should be a feature.

Obviously, of course, all the pictures cannot be published at once, the object of getting a collection being that the photographs may be ready at hand for use when fitting opportunity occurs.

Will each tower secretary be good enough to send a photograph of his own tower? It should be forwarded in an envelope for protection, and addressed to The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey, and the sender should enclose his name and address.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. William Pye has set up yet another record. He is the first to conduct a peal on every one of the 366 days of the year.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are overhauling the peal of eight at Malvern Priory, and retuning and rehangings the ring of eight at Bromley Parish Church, Kent.

The first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal in Wales was rung on Saturday, which is a reminder that the first peal of Superlative in the Principality was rung on September 13th, 1907.

A peal of 5,040 Imperial Place Major, composed and conducted by William Shipway, and being the first ever performed in the method, was rung at St. Mary's, Islington, on September 13th, 1802.

Charles Middleton, whose name is associated with the peal composition of Cambridge Surprise Major, died on September 14th, 1886. He was a Norwich man.

The Society of St. Martin's Youths, from which St. Martin's Guild has descended, and whose traditions have been carried on uninterruptedly at St. Martin's Church, Birmingham, rang their first peal, a 5,040 of Bob Major, on September 16th, 1755. This was at St. Philip's Church.

History was made at Drayton, Berks, on September 17th, 1896, when the Oxford Guild rang a peal of 11,328 London Surprise Major, conducted by J. W. Washbrook. That record has since been exceeded, but at the time it constituted a big step forward in the length obtained in the method. Nothing over 6,048 had previously been rung.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very pleasant meeting of the Southern District was held at Sketty on Saturday, when, no doubt on account of the wet weather, the attendance was not as good as usual, only about 16 members being present from Aberavon, Cadoxton, Morryston, Swansea, and three very welcome visitors from Pentre Rhondda. The service was conducted by the Rev. Canon H. J. Stewart, who gave those present a very interesting address, and extended a hearty welcome to the Guild. Tea followed in the Church Hall, provided by someone unknown, and enjoyed and appreciated by all.

The business meeting, with the Rev. Canon H. J. Stewart in the chair, was very short. Swansea was chosen for the December meeting, which will be the district annual.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the unknown donor of the tea, to the Rev. Canon H. J. Stewart for conducting the service, for the use of the bells and his kindness to the Guild members, to the organist for presiding at the organ, and to the ladies for their kind help at the tea table.—The Canon, in reply, said it was a pleasure to have the ringers there, and he would be always pleased to do his best for them at any time when they came to Sketty. The methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major.

An invitation was accepted to ring in Swansea on the way home, when Grandsire and Stedman were rung, and the bells lowered in peal about 9 p.m.

NEW RING OF TEN FOR KENT.**LIGHTEST CHURCH TEN-BELL PEAL.**

Through the generosity of two benefactors, five treble bells, together with a Westminster quarter clock, are being installed at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Cudham, near Sevenoaks, Kent, and, as advertised elsewhere in this issue, the dedication will take place on Sunday, September 21st.

Cudham will then possess the lightest ring of ten yet installed in any church and the second lightest ring of ten in the world. This ring of ten should be a valuable asset to change ringing in the district, as there is only one other ten-bell tower in the diocese, namely, that of Rochester Cathedral.

The whole work of clock and bells and the provision of an Ellacombe chiming apparatus and other improvements are being carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

DEVON GUILD.**MEETING AT PRESIDENT'S CHURCH.**

The autumn meeting of the Exeter Branch was held in the parish of the president, Clyst St. George, on Saturday. This is the first occasion on which a meeting of change ringers has been held in the parish, whose Rector from 1850-1885 was that great authority on bells, the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe. Mr. Ellacombe was a man of many accomplishments. He rebuilt the body of the church at Clyst St. George and personally devoted much time to decorating the interior; he wrote a number of valuable treatises on bells—indeed, when over the age of 70 he ascended every church tower in Devon, excepting one, to take notes of their condition and of the bells; he invented a chiming apparatus, the original pattern of which may still be seen in Clyst St. George belfry; he was a learned antiquarian and a most earnest priest and kindly gentleman.

The president of the Guild (the Rev. E. S. Powell) conducted a well-attended service in the beautiful little church. It was intended to hold the tea and business meeting which followed on the adjoining lawn of the Rectory, but the clerk of the weather ordained otherwise, and a move had to be made to the school buildings at short notice, where an excellent meal was provided by the efforts of Mrs. Powell, wife of the president, and friends.

The business meeting was presided over by the chairman of the branch, the Rev. E. V. Cox. The annual meeting was fixed for December 6th, at Heavitree, Exeter. Several new members were elected, and the Chairman said it was hoped that during the coming winter more frequent friendly visits amongst neighbouring bands of ringers might be arranged. He emphasised the necessity for raising and lowering the bells well and striking them perfectly.

A very hearty welcome was accorded to three distinguished visitors from other associations, Messrs. J. A. Trollope (Ealing), J. Flint (Beisover) and O. Sippetts (Crawley). Full use was made of the bell during the afternoon and evening.

THE LATE MR. T. H. BEAMS.**HIS PUBLIC WORK.**

The late Mr. T. Hervey Beams, who did so much for the promotion of change ringing in West Dorset, gave his services in many other directions outside his profession as schoolmaster. His interest in education was by no means confined to his own school, for he represented the general cause of education in the diocese and also proved himself an active organiser in the interests of teachers. As a member of the National Union of Teachers, he had occupied the positions of secretary and president.

Three years ago he was elected a member of Bridport Board of Guardians, and here he proved himself a useful public servant. He was also a Rural District Councillor and a member of the newly-constituted Guardians' Committee. He will be greatly missed by both officers and inmates of the Poor Law Institution. As a member of Bradpole Parochial Church Council, he occupied the chair for a period.

A churchwarden at Bradpole for seven years, Mr. Beams had been a chorister since the age of six. He was a licensed lay reader. Mr. Beams was a Freemason, having been a member of St. Mary's Lodge (No. 707), Bridport, since 1920.

Mr. Beams leaves, to mourn their loss, a widow, three sons—Mr. Douglas J. Beams, Salisbury; Mr. Reginald Hervey Beams, who is assistant master at Trowbridge High School for Boys; and Mr. Percy H. Beams, Bridport—and one daughter, Miss Marjorie Beams, who is on the staff of St. Mary's School, Bridport.

By a pathetic coincidence it was just a week after Mr. Hervey Beams' burial that the Salisbury Diocesan Guild ringers' war memorial, which was so largely the result of his devoted labours, was actually completed. On Thursday, September 4th, Mr. W. S. B. Northover, accompanied by the Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards, conveyed to Salisbury a copy of the badge of the Salisbury Guild carved by himself in English oak, and in the presence of the Archdeacon of Sarum affixed it to the ringers' screen in the memorial chapel of the Cathedral.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**EXPLANATION OF A POSTPONED MEETING.**

The Bristol Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association held a very enjoyable meeting at Coalpit Heath on Saturday, and, in spite of the inclement weather, a good number of ringers gathered at this delightful old church, with its fine peal of six bells, 17 towers being represented, while visitors included Messrs. Barconibr and Insell (Dursley and Stinchcombe) and Mr. G. Poppell, of Bedwellty, South Wales. The usual ringers' service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. J. Phillips), who was supported by organist and choir.

A very nice tea was awaiting the members after service, kindly provided by the Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Phillips in the billiard room of the Vicarage.

At the business meeting which followed Mr. F. Skidmore (chairman of the branch) presided. The question as to why this meeting had been postponed from the previous Saturday, the original date, was satisfactorily explained by the Vicar, who, being on holiday, would have found it difficult to get home in time to provide tea.

The secretary was asked if he would put this on record, as the previous Saturday a peal had been rung by members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and there were some who thought the meeting had been deferred for this purpose.

The appointment of a representative on the sub-committee re Central Council proposals (Bristol Branch) was again brought up, and, on the motion of Mr. J. Gould, Mr. F. Skidmore was unanimously elected. Five new members were elected, including three from Westerleigh, at which tower it is hoped to get other members.

The Chairman moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the organist and choir, and coupled with this the name of Mrs. Phillips for kindly providing tea and waiting upon the company.—This was seconded by Mr. W. H. Thomas.

The Vicar, responding, said he was always pleased to welcome the association to Coalpit Heath, and was very grateful for the help the association had given them. He was also glad to see their neighbours from Westerleigh back in the association. Mrs. Phillips also suitably replied.

This concluded the business, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were afterwards enjoyed on the bells, several of the young members getting their first six-score of Grandsire.

WEDDING BELLS AT BIRMINGHAM.

The historic Church of St. Martin, in the Bull Ring, has been the scene of many weddings, but none more pretty than that of Miss Winifred Edith Walker, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker, who was married to Mr. Leslie Arthur Reynolds on Saturday, August 30th. Whilst a large congregation of friends and well-wishers assembled in the church, suitable music was played on the organ by Mr. Richard Wassell.

The bride, who arrived with her father, was attired in a gown of ivory georgette, with veil, and a wreath of orange blossom, and carried a sheaf of lilies and white heather. The bridesmaids were attired in pale green and floral pink, and carried bouquets of cream roses. There was also a very tiny girl attendant, dressed in pale pink, and carrying a posy of pink carnations.

The bridal party was received at the west door by the Rector of Birmingham, Canon T. Guy Rogers, and as the bridal procession moved up the aisle, the hymn, 'Love divine, all loves excelling,' was sung. The Rector of Birmingham officiated and the bride was given away by her father. The service was choral and included Psalm 121 and the hymn, 'O perfect love, all human thought transcending,' which was sung kneeling.

As the procession returned to the west door, Mendelssohn's Wedding March was played, and the bells were 'fired' by the St. Martin's company, who also rang a peal later to celebrate the event.

A reception was afterwards held at the Crown Hotel, at which the Rector, Mr. Wassell and friends of the family were present. Many messages of congratulation and good wishes were received, including a letter from Alderman J. S. Pritchett, and telegrams from St. Martin's ringers, Messrs. P. J. Johnson, A. Prince, F. W. Perrins, W. Saunders, etc. The bride and bridegroom's health was heartily drunk, and afterwards the happy couple left for Weston-super-Mare, where the honeymoon was spent.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The annual visit of the Leeds and District Society to Rothwell took place on Saturday, August 30th, and at the business meeting the president (Mr. O. E. Lawson) was in the chair, supported by members from Armley, Batley, Bramley, Headingley St. Chad's, Holbeck, Almondbury and the local company.

With regard to the question of peal attempts at meetings, it was explained by the president that it was thought advisable to have the bells open for all the visitors rather than to limit the ringing to eight members.

Owing to the Yorkshire Association having two meetings arranged in the district on successive Saturdays in September, it was decided that the society's meeting for September be cancelled.

The usual votes of thanks were given to the Vicar and churchwardens of Rothwell and to the local company.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A VISIT TO BERE REGIS.

Bere Regis proved an attractive venue for the quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, which was held in the delightful old village on Saturday week. Glorious weather favoured the event, and representatives of the branch were present from Bradford-Peverell, Bere Regis, Charminster, Dorchester, Puddletown, Sydling, Upwey, Wool and Wyke Regis. The North Dorset Branch were represented by Buckhorn Weston and Kingston Magna, and the Wimborne Branch by Poole. A motor-coach left Weymouth at 2 o'clock for Bere Regis, and the representatives of the surrounding districts were picked up at Dorchester. A halt was made at Puddletown, where the members visited the fine old church and rung touches on the peal of six, and ringing at Bere Regis was continued until 4.30, when the Guild service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. W. Taylor), who also gave a thoughtful address, which was much appreciated.

The members then adjourned to the Parish Hall, where a sumptuous tea (kindly provided by Mr. W. Bedford, of the Manor House) was awaiting them. Among the welcome visitors present were Messrs. J. Keyte (hon. secretary, Chipping Norton Branch, Oxford Guild), J. R. Keyte (Charlbury), W. G. Collett (Oxford), H. Gregory (Clifton), G. B. Cole (London, late of Poole).

A short business meeting followed. In the unavoidable absence of the chairman (Mr. R. N. Dawes), Mr. W. Bedford was voted to the chair. Before the meeting began the members stood in respectful silence in memory of Mr. T. Horvey Beams, late assistant general secretary and a representative on the Central Council. The hon. secretary paid a moving tribute to his great work for ringing in Dorset.

Apologies for absence were received from the Ven. Archdeacon W. S. Moule (Abbotsbury), the Rev. E. L. Edwards (general secretary), the Rev. H. R. Gundry (master), the Rev. C. A. Phillips, the Rev. A. S. Bryant, the Rev. C. D. Job, the Rev. Wynn Werninck, Col. H. D. Robson, Messrs. R. Hawkins and W. Williams. Two life members were elected, Messrs. W. G. Collett (Oxford) and F. G. Ringe (Brentwood). The annual meeting was arranged to be held at Dorchester in December, and the hon. secretary said he would do his best to fix up one or two practice meetings between now and that month.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for conducting the service, and also for his able address and the use of the bells; also to Mr. W. Bedford for providing the tea. The hon. secretary also thanked Mr. Bedford on behalf of the Guild, not only for his kind hospitality always to them, but for what he had done in general for bells and the ringers, and in making the arrangements for the members to visit his fruit gardens. The organist was also thanked for his services.

After the meeting the members were taken round the magnificent fruit gardens and the famous 'sylvasprings' water cress beds belonging to Mr. W. Bedford. The owner personally escorted them, and the general opinion was expressed that 'everything was wonderful,' the members being greatly impressed by the abundance of fruit.

After this the members again adjourned to the tower and others went on to Wool, and good practice was made throughout the afternoon and evening, the following methods being rung: Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Kent and Oxford and Cambridge Minor. Thus ended a most delightful meeting.

Bere Regis is the 'King's Bere' of Thomas Hardy's famous novel, 'Tess of the d'Urbervilles.' It is situated on a hillside and commands extensive views over Purbeck and the coast. The church, built about 1100, was restored by Street with excellent results in 1875, and is a fine edifice, principally perpendicular, but there is a good deal of Norman work in the interior and a fine transition Norman font is noticeable. The carved wood roof of the nave is also remarkable, with its fine beams decorated with effigies half life size in the dress of the time, and some fine bosses. The figures are supposed to represent the Apostles and have been carefully restored. The fine pinnacled western tower contains a glorious peal of six bells, tenor 18½ cwt. in the key of D. Previous to 1921 there were five bells, in a very bad state, but, thanks to Mr. W. Bedford, these were rehung in new iron frames and a treble added to complete the peal.

DEVIZES BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Upavon on Saturday. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m. and the Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. Joyce-Watson, M.A.). Tea followed, after which a short business meeting was held. In the absence of the chairman (Mr. C. D. Heginbotham), the vice-chairman (Mr. B. Cook) presided.

The Vicar welcomed the branch to Upavon, and, on behalf of those present, the vice-chairman thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service. Reference was made to the death of Mr. T. Horvey Beams, of Bradnole, Dorset, and the loss the Guild had sustained thereby. Those present stood in silence as a token of respect.

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DEATH OF MR. W. R. BOND, OF CRAYFORD.

The death occurred on Saturday, August 23rd, of Mr. W. R. Bond, a faithful and valued member of the band at Crayford for over 30 years, who passed away at the age of 47. He attended practice on the previous Tuesday evening, when he said he felt a little 'off colour.' The next day he went to London, but collapsed on London Bridge platform. The railway officials telephoned to Mrs. Bond to meet him at Crayford. The doctor advised him to go to bed and rest which he did, and he appeared quite bright and comfortable until Friday, when he became worse, and, despite the efforts of the local doctors and a specialist, he passed away in the early hours of Saturday morning.

He was never what one might call 'peal hungry.' He would always come if required and was always happy to stand out, and, what is more, he would always come at a minute's notice if a band found themselves a man short when ready to start for a peal. Almost his last peal was one of these occasions when a band met short in a neighbouring parish. 'Bill' was rung up, and half an hour later the bells were going and the peal rung. Such was his disposition.

He always regarded his Sunday ringing as a duty, and everything else had to take second place. His peals, of which he had no record, numbered between 70 and 80, ranging from Grandsire to Double Norwich. One of these he was always extremely proud of, viz., what, apparently, is the quickest peal of Triples yet rung on tower bells—Stedman at Crayford on August 30th last year in 2 hours 14 minutes, to which he rang the tenor.

The funeral took place at Crayford on August 28th, and a muffled peal was rung to his memory on August 30th, as recorded in last week's issue of 'The Ringing World.' He leaves a widow and two children to mourn their loss.

On Sunday morning, Canon Gedge, the blind Rector of Crayford, in his sermon referred to Mr. Bond's death. They were at that time, he said, denoting the loss of Mr. W. R. Bond, whom they had just laid to rest, and who had been called away at an early age. He had found in Mr. Bond a kind personal friend, and his passing left them all the poorer.

A NORTHAMPTONSHIRE TOUR.

Another 'ringing week' begins on Saturday, when a party of well-known ringers will begin a peal programme, principally among Northamptonshire towers, but including also towers in Rutland, Huntingdonshire and Cambridgeshire. Headquarters will be at the Bull Hotel, Irthlingborough, Northants, and it is interesting to note, as showing the readiness of authorities to grant the use of their bells, that permission was granted for every tower applied for except one.

Saturday, September 13th: Oakham (Rutland), 3.30 p.m.
 Sunday, September 14th: Wicken, 2 p.m.
 Monday, September 15th: Titchmarsh, 9.30 a.m.; Thrapston, 2.30 p.m.
 Tuesday, September 16th: Higham Ferrers, 9.30 a.m.; Burton Latimer, 2.30 p.m.
 Wednesday, September 17th: Rothwell, 9.30 a.m.; Desborough, 2.30 p.m.
 Thursday, September 18th: Hazelbeech, 9.30 a.m.; Northampton (St. Sepulchre's), 2.30 p.m.
 Friday, September 19th: Finedon, 9.30 a.m.; Irthlingborough, 2.30 p.m.
 Saturday, September 20th: St. Neots (Hunts), 9.30 a.m.; Bourn (Cambs), 2.30 p.m.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At Conisborough, Yorks, on Tuesday, September 2nd, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: J. Rands 1, C. Urch (conductor) 2, S. Harrison 3, M. Fowler 4, P. Gledstone 5, O. Greathead 6, R. Sarsby 7, W. Lewis 8. Rang with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Nicholson, churchwarden of the above church for upwards of 20 years, who was interred at Doncaster the same day.

At Tattenhall, Staffs, on Wednesday, September 3rd, with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. Jethro Jones, F.S.A., for many years a chorister of St. Michael and All Angels, and who was laid to rest on this date, also to J. T. Simmons, a nonew of the tenor ringer, who was interred on Monday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 53 mins.: R. Pickering (conductor) 1, J. W. Taylor 2, H. T. Piner 3, K. C. Taylor 4, H. J. Lockley 5, A. Bennett 6, B. Dalton 7, T. W. Bate 8.

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Mr. G. Winter, of Devizes, was elected a ringing member, and Mr. D. C. Heginbotham as a life member.

Ringers were present from Upavon, Devizes (St. John and St. Mary), Swindon, Rowde, Bratton, Melksham and Warminster. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge and Plain Bob Minor were rung during the afternoon and evening.

The next meeting is to be at Westbury on October 4th, if the bells are available.

BIG ESSEX PARTY IN SURREY.

Glorious weather favoured the Loughton and Woodford ringers on Saturday week, when with their friends and members of the Wansstead band, 51 in all, they toured some of the most charming parts of Surrey. An early start was made in order to avoid the congested traffic of the Metropolis. For a time the chief topic of conversation was the tropical storm that had disturbed the slumbers of most of the party. The marvels of the London traffic, however, soon seized the attention, and the careful and speedy manipulation of the super coaches brought forth striking comparisons from those in the party who had taken their early outings in brakes and horse-drawn vehicles. London Bridge, ever attractive to the passers-by, was soon left behind, and once beyond the 'Elephant and Castle,' thoughts of the first pull began to arise. The country aspect gradually began to predominate, especially as the coaches approached Sandown Park.

The first halt was made at Cobham. Mr. W. James welcomed the ringers and led the way to St. Andrew's Church, where several touches of Plain Bob, Grandsire Doubles and Kent Treble Bob were rung on a light musical six. Ringing is done from the ground floor of the Norman tower, built of rubble in pudding stone, the walls being 3ft. 6in. thick. The doorway in the south aisle has interesting zigzag and billet mouldings, whilst the oak tracery in the porch is 14th century work. Historical associations are connected with the north-east chantry, built about 1200, probably by the monks of Chertsey Abbey for their special masses. By order of Pope Innocent, 1292, all the titles of Cobham Church were paid over to the Abbey. During the last century much has been done to restore and beautify the church. All the windows are of stained glass, whilst a large oil painting of Abraham preparing to slay Isaac adorns the Children's Corner.

A quick run was then made to Chiddingfold, via Ripley, Guildford, Godalming, Milford and Witley, the landscape at Ripley and Witley being most picturesque. Mr. A. J. Bartlett and Mr. T. Atwell welcomed the party at St. Mary's Church, but time would only allow short touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples on a light well-sounding eight, which contains one of the few pre-Reformation bells found in Surrey. The church developed as the place prospered, a Royal Charter in 1300 establishing it as a market town. The tower, shunted and unimposing, was probably built in the 15th century, and raised 14ft. in 1870. The ringing floor is reached by going up a stairway in the church and passing through a trap door, an unusual and awkward contrivance. The nave pillars are high and massive. Many stained glass windows, chiefly memorials, give the interior a reverential tone. A lancet window near the tower is filled with many pieces of ancient glass discovered in the neighbourhood. A rather extensive library is set up at the back of the church clearly indicating that Chiddingfold believes in an educated congregation. The churchyard has many interesting tombs and memorials, the one attracting considerable attention being the gravestone set up in memory of Arthur Stedman, blacksmith, who died in 1766. The epitaph reads as follows:—

'My sledge hammer lie declin'd,
My bellows, too, have lost their wind,
My fire is out, my forge decay'd,
And in the dust my vice is laid.
My coal is spent, my iron gone,
My nail is drove, my work is done.'

Dinner was taken at Haslemere at Burgess' Restaurant, where the fare and timely attention reflected the greatest credit on the manageress, Miss E. Pincott. The Parish Church was visited, but there was a general regret that permission was not granted to use the bells, a well-reputed peal of ten.

The last halt was made at Staines, after passing through such interesting places as Hindhead, Churt, Farnham and Bagshot. Tea was served in the Parish Hall, Mr. E. W. Butler welcoming the party, the good fare provided being appreciated. At the conclusion a hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. J. Chalk (Wanstead) and carried with acclamation to the organisers of the outing, Mr. J. Rann (Loughton) and Mr. C. Moss (Woodford), and to Sergt. Thorpe (Loughton), who had energetically guided the party over a long route. St. Mary's tower, built by the famous Inigo Jones in 1631, was visited, and several touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob were rung on a good going and well-sounding eight, members of the Middlesex Association taking part.

A quick return to the coaches followed, for the sun had already set, and the programme had been completed. Joyous moments had been spent, fresh acquaintances made, old friendships strengthened, and hopes expressed that all might be snared to partake in the next annual outing. All offer their sincere thanks to the incumbents of the various parishes for the use of the bells and to the ringers who greeted the party.

ACCIDENT IN UXBRIDGE BELFRY.

Mr. T. Smith, ringer and towerkeeper of St. Andrew's Church, Uxbridge, Middlesex, met with a painful accident in the belfry on Friday, August 22nd. After winding the church clock, he slipped off the ladder leading from the clock chamber and fell to the floor, injuring his ribs. He was taken to Uxbridge Cottage Hospital and is progressing favourably.

A HAPPY REUNION.

'The more we are together,
The merrier we'll be.'

Thirty-two years ago this August a 'heterogeneous' band of ringers went to Shrewsbury. Another such band, at the invitation of Mr. W. W. Worthington, of Lichfield, met at St. Paul's, Burton, on Saturday, August 30th, and, after the usual exchange of greetings, motored off to Monk's Kirby, Leicestershire—a splendid run. On arrival an inspection of the church was made—always an interesting item at ringers' outings—then to the belfry, where touches of Stedman and Double Norwich were the order. A hunt was then made to find a tombstone, recording the name of a man who had, so Billy Smith said, 40 children. Anyhow, the stone was not found, and we made off to Claybrooke. After ringing Stedman Triples, the writer asked young Jim George to call a touch of Double Norwich in honour of a loving friend, Miss Winifred Walker, who had just been married at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on that day. Then we drove off to 'The Land of Caraway Seed Sop'—Burbage—where again Stedman and Double Norwich were the order. Next a short drive brought us to the junction of roads where stands an ancient monument to mark the exact centre of England. The country must have warped a lot since it was placed there, as Merriden is claimed as the centre now!

All aboard again; off we go to 'The Tin Hat,' Hinckley. Why it is thus called I do not know, but I have heard this:—

Let the Hinckley pump
Take a hop, stride and jump
If ever I cease to love.

Only a very short time was left to have a touch here. Several of the local ringers welcomed us, which was much appreciated. Then rather a long run to the home of the Squire of Maple Hayes, Lichfield, who took young Jim with him to have a 'quick one' before the rest arrived, but we soon answered the call. A stroll round the beautiful gardens and grounds, which looked a perfect picture, and then dinner, the next and most important item, as the 'Guv.' called it. Real old English fare, the rest of the evening being spent in handbell ringing, young Maurice 'ringing' a touch on the piano with young Jim calling. The best thanks to the Squire was proposed by Mr. J. Jaggard, seconded by Mr. J. George, and carried with acclamation. Mr. Worthington's reply bearing out the lines at the head of this report. The arrangements for the happy reunion were thoughtfully made by Mr. Worthington and Mr. J. Swinfield with every success.

J. J.

A DAY IN 'OUR OWN COUNTY.'

BY A BERKSHIRE MAN.

On a recent Monday the ringers of St. Laurence's, Reading, with the Vicar and a few friends, met at the tower at 8 a.m. for their annual outing, and spent it in their own county of Berkshire. Hagbourne was the first stop and the glorious peal of eight were soon rolling round to Stedman Triples and Grandsire. Then on to Abingdon, where the noble church, with five aisles, was much admired. Here a service was in progress with a wedding to follow, so ringing was curtailed. Anyhow, two touches of Grandsire Caters were brought round on the fine ten, and everyone had a pull. Then to that 'mecca' of all Berkshire ringers, Appleton, where some of the youngsters could not believe that ten bells could be hung in the tower they were looking at across the meadows. An excellent lunch was laid under a spreading chestnut tree and enjoyed the more, because our friend and 'master,' the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, arrived just in time to sit down with us. Then to the tower, where, with the help of some of the '20,000' veterans, Stedman Caters and Grandsire Caters were brought round on this truly wonderful peal. Next, to Drayton, where the Rev. F. E. Robinson lived as Vicar for so many years. Grandsire and Stedman went well here, and Miss Vera Robinson, who was with the party, was able to point out many specimens of her late father's handiwork as a carver in the choir stalls and organ case with which he enriched the church. Then over the glorious Berkshire Downs to East Isley with (to quote the Vicar's account in the parish magazine) 'its red roofs and bowering trees lying in a steep hollow of the hills.' As the time was 6 p.m., tea was the first necessity, and the youngsters still talk of the feed they had under the roof of Mr. and Mrs. W. Hibbert (brother to their ringing master). This village was celebrated for many years for the training of racehorses and its sheep fairs.

'Isley, remote upon the Berkshire Downs,

Claims these distinctions o'er her sister towns:

Far famed for sheep and wool, though not for spinners,

For sportsmen, doctors, publicans and sinners.'

The climb up to the church after such a tea was rather trying, but after Stedman and Grandsire Triples and two touches of Bob Major, several made the ascent of various ladders to the top of the tower and enjoyed a glorious view over the rolling downs. At 9 p.m. we left 'home' for our homes, one stop being made at the top of 'Applevie Hill' for a last look over a piece of beautiful countryside. Everyone expressed the opinion that it was a very fine day's outing, and the hope that they may be able to visit the same places and the same people again. The 'Old Man' was very pleased at the way the children 'shaped' at the various towers.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—At the Parish Church, for evensong, on Sunday, September 7th, in 52 mins., a quarter-peal of Bob Royal (1,260 changes): F. West 1, F. Hayes (conductor) 2, F. Boreham 3, G. Hinton (first quarter of Royal) 4, E. Markham 5, G. Twitchen 6, G. White 7, R. Coles 8, S. T. Goodchild 9, J. W. Wilkins 10.

PUTNEY.—At St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples for evening service on September 7th: W. Malins (conductor) 1, Arthur Jones 2, W. H. Ball 3, C. W. Otley 4, C. Moody 5, W. T. Eason 6, J. Herbert 7, F. Hendy 8.

WINDSOR.—On Sunday, September 7th, in 49 mins., a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): J. Chesterman 1, H. G. Owen 2, A. R. Gale (first quarter-peal in the method) 3, T. S. Smith 4, W. E. Taylor 5, L. Stilwell 6, W. Henley 7, G. Gilbert (conductor) 8. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to R. Barton, of Slough band. Treble ringer from Basingstoke, 7th Farnham Royal, 5th and tenor from Maidenhead.

ABERAVON, GLAM.—On Sunday, September 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), all singles, in 45 mins.: W. Williams 1, G. W. Hollis 2, C. Mathers 3, E. Stitch (conductor) 4, A. Hunt 5, F. E. Stone 6, A. J. Pitman 7, J. Weathersby 8. Mr. A. Hunt and Mr. G. W. Hollis were on a visit from Gofu and Pembrey.

ROTHWELL, YORKS.—On Sunday, September 7th, at Holy Trinity Church, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor: J. Wornald (first 720) 1, F. Ellis (first 720 inside) 2, G. Copley 3, A. Wornald 4, T. W. Strangeway (conductor) 5, G. W. Steel 6.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.—At St. Giles' Church on Sunday, September 7th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: T. Trasher 1, E. Yates 2, H. C. Edwards 3, E. C. Lambert 4, T. C. Tompkins 5, A. J. Giles 6. The first non-conducted 720 by all the band.

PAIGNTON, DEVON.—On Sunday, September 7th, for evening service, five courses of 840 Grandsire Triples in 34mins.: F. Allwood 1, A. L. Bennett (conductor) 2, W. H. Lewis (Hope, Wrexham), longest length on eight bells, 3, H. G. Lewis 4, G. L. Hewitt (Coalbrookdale) 5, F. E. Parnell 6, C. R. Walker 7, C. Boyce 8. Longest length as conductor.

WATFORD, HERTS.—At the Parish Church for morning service on Sunday, September 7th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 51 mins.: W. Crowsley 1, R. Picton 2, S. Hoare (conductor) 3, H. Milton 4, H. Long 5, F. Edwards 6, W. Norris 7, W. Oakley 8.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, August 31st, at Holy Trinity Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: E. Wadey 1, W. Watts (conductor) 2, G. Woodman 3, W. Charman 4, G. Feist 5, J. Cook 6, R. Langridge 7, W. Thorns 8. Rung in honour of E. Wadey's 21st birthday.

LONDON.—On Sunday, August 3rd, for evensong, at St. Clement Dunes, Strand, 1,263 Stedman Caters in 47 mins.: G. Grainger 1, C. W. Roberts 2, E. J. King (conductor) 3, A. T. Greenwood 4, T. Newman 5, J. R. Gammon 6, W. D. Grainger 7, G. H. Daynes 8, R. F. Deal 9, F. W. Rogers 10.

BURNHAM-ON-SEA, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, August 3rd, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: J. Hobbs (Burnham) 1, H. Knight (Wolverhampton), conductor, 2, J. E. Lilley (Congresbury) 3, G. H. Pruen (Burnham) 4, A. Evans (Burnham) 5, L. Tanner (Weston) 6, C. R. Lilley (Congresbury) 7, A. Ritson 8.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.—On Sunday, for evensong, 720 Spliced Immanuel, Lightfoot, Stamford, Wearmouth, Annabel's London and Nelherseale: E. Woodage 1, N. Marshall 2, J. Bassett 3, A. Marshall 4, J. Waghorn 5, A. Relfe (conductor) 6.

CREWE BELLRINGERS' PICNIC.

The ringers of Christ Church, Crewe, had a very happy and enjoyable outing on Saturday, August 23rd, to Loughborough Bell Foundry. Leaving Crewe at 5 a.m., they proceeded to Leicester, where breakfast awaited them, afterwards continuing their journey to Loughborough. They straightaway then made their way to Taylor's Bell Foundry, and were met by Mr. J. P. Fidler, who proved a splendid guide during their tour of the works. Ringing was much enjoyed on the foundry bells, and, as they are such a light peal, the visitors also found them quite amusing. Touches of Double Norwich, Stedman Triples, Grandsire Caters and a Speedway Course of Bob Minor were much enjoyed, with the assistance of some of the local ringers.

After lunch ringing took place on the fine peal of ten at Loughborough Parish Church, and included touches of Bob Royal and Stedman Caters, again with the help of the local band. The party next made their way back to Leicester for tea and more ringing, this time on another fine peal, the bells of the Church of St. John the Divine, where the party were again made welcome by the local ringers, and touches of Grandsire Caters, Stedman Caters, Kent Royal and Cambridge Royal were rung. This concluded the ringing for the day, but before leaving for home a very happy hour was spent in a certain little 'snug' round the corner from the church.

R. D. L.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on September 30th, St. Magnus' on the 25th, *St. Lawrence Jewry on the 16th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 18th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Holy Trinity, Shaftesbury (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 (6d. for members). Meeting to follow. Towers available: Shaftesbury Holy Trinity and St. Peter's (6), Shaftesbury St. James' (6) alternately Motcombe (6), Fontmell Magna (6), Compton Abbas (5).—A. E. Nedham, Hon. Sec., Compton Abbas Rectory, Shaftesbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By the kind permission of Rev. A. Clark a bye-meeting will be held at Hernehill, near Faversham, on Saturday, Sept. 13th.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Secretary, Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Bocking. — Re-opening of the bells of St. Mary's Church, Saturday, Sept. 13th. Service 3 p.m. Preacher: The Lord Bishop of Chelmsford. All ringers will be welcome.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen Street, Earls Colne, Essex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Eccleston on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells available from 2.30.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at East Claydon on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (5) ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at 1s. each and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Please send numbers for tea to E. F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 92, High Street, Winslow, Bucks.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Hendon, Sept. 13th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, usual terms, at 5.30. Please advise me. All ringers welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Notts, on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. (price 1s. each). —J. W. England, Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (West Division), GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District).—A joint meeting will be held at Horsham on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. and tea after. Please send numbers for tea to A. H. Smith, 26, Church Street, Leatherhead.—A. W. Groves and A. H. Smith, Hon. Secs.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.— Guildford District.—Meeting at Dunsfold on September 13th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, nr. Guildford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Halsall on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.—James Grounds, Branch Sec. 8, School Lane, Standish.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 13th, at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway. Bells from 3.30 p.m. Tea, meeting, etc., at 5 p.m. Visitors welcome.—J. A. Waugh, Dis. Sec., 8, Fullers Road, E.18.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Woodhouse Eaves on Saturday, September 13th. Bells (6) available from 3.15 p.m. By special permission the bells of St. Mary's-in-the-Elms Church, Old Woodhouse, will also be open for a short time after tea. Both places are local beauty spots in the Charnwood Forest, and everyone is welcome. Tea can be obtained in Woodhouse Eaves.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Worth on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Tower opened 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Long Eaton on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Sawley bells not available for this meeting. All ringers welcome. Will members who have not paid their subscriptions for 1930 kindly do so at this meeting?—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Andover, Sept. 13th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in the church 4.30. Tea at 5. Business meeting follows.—Mr. F. Knapp, Highclere, Newbury.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Turvey on Saturday, Sept. 13th. The peal of 8 will be available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Visitors heartily welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Dis. Sec., Stagsden.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A meeting will be held at Welford on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Those requiring tea please notify me.—R. Adams, East Haddon.

BUSHEY HEATH (8 bells).—Saturday, September 13th. Ringing from 3.30. Tea at 5.30. Cheap tickets from all stations, either train or motor coach. Nearest rail station, Bushey. All coaches stop at church.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Thurlaston on Saturday, September 13th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea provided 5 p.m. All ringers are welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—A quarterly meeting is to be held at Kingston, near Corfe Castle, on Saturday, September 13th. Ringing from 3. Service at 4.30. Address by the Vicar, the Ven. G. C. A. Smith. Tea at 5.15, followed by business meeting.—A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Secretary.

EARLS COLNE.—Re-opening of the bells of St. Andrew's Church on Sunday, Sept. 14th. Service at 3 p.m.—F. Ringwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Ottery St. Mary on Wednesday, Sept. 17th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All ringers will be welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Branch Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Holbeck, on Saturday, Sept. 20th, on the occasion of the dedication of the recast ring of 8 (by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston). Service at 3.15 p.m. Address by Vicar of Leeds. Tea will be provided free, through the generosity of a friend, for all ringers who send in their names to Mr. G. H. Spink, 33, Willoughby View, Holbeck, Leeds, by Thursday, Sept. 18th. To all whose names are received after that date a charge of 1s. per head will be made. The bells available after service until 9 p.m.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Wirral Branch) & LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Liverpool Branch).—A combined meeting will be held at Christ Church, Port Sunlight, on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. Will those requiring tea please let me know not later than Tuesday, Sept. 16th?—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Longcot on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Tower open 2.30. Service 3.45. Those requiring tea please notify G. Webley, Faringdon, by Sept. 17th.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The autumn meeting of the Reading Branch will be held at Checkendon on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Tower open from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m. All who are intending to be present please let me know by Wednesday, Sept. 17th. All are welcome.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Wortley, near Sheffield, on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (8) available from 3. Tea 5.30, at 1s. each. Please notify Mr. W. A. Wooler, Sheffield Road, Wortley, by the 19th for same. Will members pay outstanding subscriptions at this meeting as the financial year ends on Sept. 30th next?—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Tring on Sept. 20th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Meeting after. Will all those in charge of towers remember that subscriptions for the current year are due?—F. Puppelt, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Barton-le-Cley on Saturday, September 20th. The bells (8) will be available at 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Christ Church, Macclesfield, on Saturday, September 20th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. A new peal tablet will be unveiled at this meeting.

LADIES' GUILD.—A joint meeting of the Northern and Lincolnshire Districts will be held at Sutton-on-Trent on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Service at 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Miss Burchnall, Pembroke House, Sutton-on-Trent, Notts, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 17th. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Surfleet.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch. — A meeting of the above branch will be held at Clent on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. All members please notify me not later than the 16th.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch.—The augmented peal of 8 bells and the new clock at Irchester Parish Church will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough on Saturday, Sept. 20th. The service will be at 3 o'clock. A public tea will afterwards be held in the Schoolroom at a charge of 8d. per head. The bells will be at liberty for ringing during the whole of the evening. Will those who wish to attend the tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Sept. 16th?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Waldron on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, at the Memorial Hall (by the kind invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. R. W. D. Stephenson, M.A.). Will those who intend to be present kindly advise me not later than Wednesday, Sept. 17th?—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, September 20th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 p.m., meeting to follow. Will all desiring tea kindly let me know by September 17th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—Monk's Kirby is the place for the next meeting on Saturday, September 20th. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Tea (1s. 3d.) at 5 o'clock at the Denbigh Arms Hotel.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Knebworth on Saturday, September 20th. The bells (8) will be ready at 3 p.m. Short service, followed by tea at 5 p.m. Please make a point of attending this meeting. All ringers and friends welcome. A card, if you require tea, will be much appreciated.—D. C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin, Herts.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ringwood on Saturday, September 20th. Bells available 3 p.m.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., Christchurch.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hamer, Rochdale, on Saturday, September 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Highworth on Saturday, September 20th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., for those who notify me, at 1s. per head.—S. Hopper, 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The next meeting of the branch will be held at Chiseldon on Saturday, September 20th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Those requiring tea kindly notify the secretary, Cyril Hussey, East Lease, Baydon, Marlborough, Wilts.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, September 20th. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. R. G. Lewis, 36, Heath Cross, Uttoxeter, not later than September 17th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Tideswell, on Saturday, September 20th, not September 27th as previously announced. Church of St. John-the-Baptist (8 bells, tenor 13 cwt.) available afternoon and evening. Tea at a small charge will be provided to those who notify Mr. Giles Chapman, Belmont House, Tideswell.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

CUDHAM, KENT.—The augmented ring of ten, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated on Sunday, Sept. 21st, at 3 p.m. Bells will be open for ringing from 4 to 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Calverley, near Leeds, on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (8) will be available for ringing throughout the day. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. per head, and applications for same must reach Mr. G. Thompson, 28, Portman Street, Calverley, near Leeds, not later than first post Tuesday, Sept. 23rd. Members are reminded that the financial year ends on Sept. 30th, and all outstanding subscriptions should be paid before that date.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Castle Hedingham on Saturday, September 27th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Sible Hedingham bells (8) also available. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by morning of the 23rd inst., to enable me to make arrangements?—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Wye on Saturday, September 27th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, followed by business meeting; election of officers and other matters. A good attendance is hoped for. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting at Fressingfield on Saturday, September 27th. Tea at Vicarage at 4.30, free to all sending me word. Meeting follows.—Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bridlington on Saturday, September 27th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. See circular for further details.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Liverpool on Saturday, September 27th. Towers available: Garston (8), Woolton (8), St. Francis Xavier's (8), from 12 noon; St. Nicholas' (12) from 2 p.m. Others may be arranged for if desired. The branch secretary will be in attendance at St. Nicholas' Church from 11.30 a.m. to give any information. Service in St. Nicholas' Church 4 p.m. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Liverpool. Tea in the Strand Cafe, The Strand, 5 p.m. (2s. each). Meeting to follow in the same room. Notify me for tea by first post on Tuesday, September 23rd.—Claude I. Davies, Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Hershaw on Saturday, September 27th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., tea and meeting following. All ringers are heartily welcome at this meeting. Those requiring tea kindly let me know by Wednesday, September 24th.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Church Oakley, on Saturday, September 27th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea, followed by business meeting, 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to district secretary, Wolverton Rectory, Basingstoke, by September 24th, please.—D. L. Board.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at Enville on Saturday, September 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.45, with an address by the Rector, the Rev. W. F. O'Neil Fisher. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Motor will leave Railway Street (top Railway Drive), Wolverhampton, at 2.30; return fare 2s. 6d. Please send word re motor by 17th, and for tea not later than 23rd inst. Reports ready for distribution.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Next general quarterly meeting will be at Bottesford (8 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Full details later. Will each local secretary let me have list of all hon. members paid to this date, so lists can be revised? Please make urgent effort to get all subscriptions in by them.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, October 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. A good attendance requested.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual commemoration dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at the Windmill Hotel, Blossom Street, York, on Saturday, Oct. 11th, at 6 p.m. prompt. By the courtesy of the Very Rev. the Dean of York the fine ring of 12 at the Minster will be available for ringing during the afternoon. All applications for tickets, for which a charge of 5s. 6d. each will be made, should reach Mr. G. Horner, 16, Clifton Green, York, not later than first post Tuesday, Oct. 7th.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Leeds on Saturday, October 11th. Bells available at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Half fares up to 2s. paid to members at this meeting.

All ringers welcome. Please notify early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern and Central Districts.—A combined meeting will be held at St. Laurence's, Reading, on Saturday, October 11th. Further particulars later.—H. F. Mills.

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SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—A district meeting will be held at Benhall on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m.—C. F. Bailey, 20, Hayling's Road, Leiston.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—CRICH, DERBYSHIRE.—Dedication of bells before calling first peal rung on the bells since augmentation to eight, Saturday, September 20th, at 4.30 p.m. Bells ready at 3 p.m. All members taking part and all ringers invited to tea at 5 p.m. Names to be sent to W. Piggin, Townend, Crich, Matlock, by Sept. 18th.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Hope, near Caergwrle, on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m. Service at 3 p.m. Ringers intending to be present please notify me not later than Sept. 17th.—W. Catherall, Hon. Sec., 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Rededication of Hampstead Norris bells on Sunday, Sept. 21st, at 6 p.m., by the Archdeacon, the Ven. Wickham Legg. All ringers welcomed. Bells (6) open for ringing from 7-9 p.m.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and six-bell contest at Longwood, Huddersfield, on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Draw 2.45 p.m. Only those who apply for tea (1s. 6d. each) will be provided for. Closing date, Sept. 22nd.—L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

UXBRIDGE.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Saturday, August 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: F. Corke 1, P. E. Jones 2, J. H. Lucas 3, E. Hancox (conductor) 4, R. Warnett 5, E. G. Swift 6, R. Carter 7, C. Nicholls 8. Rung after the wedding of Miss Allison, well-known churchworker at Uxbridge.

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