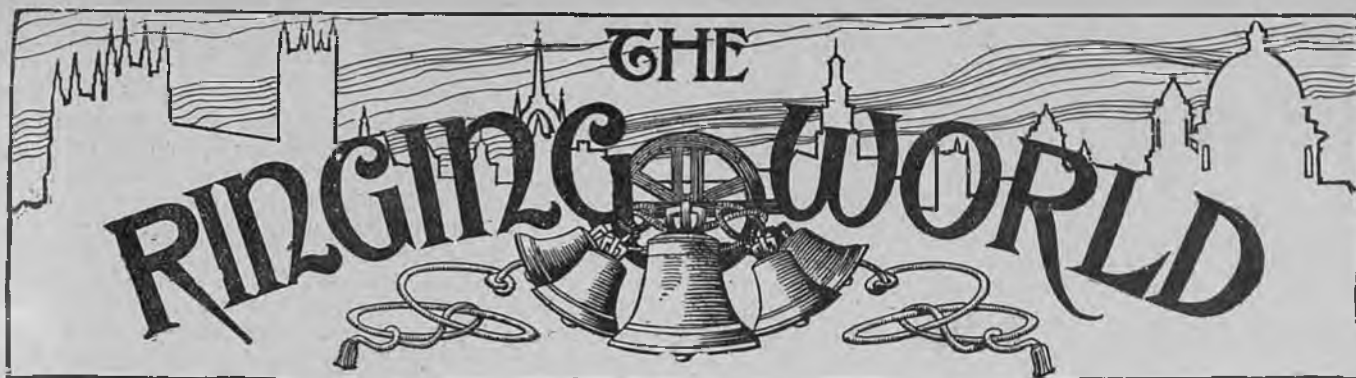




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One of the things which the Central Council did at their meeting was to accept without demur, and probably with little thought, the proposal to delete from the motion defining a peal of Doubles, the permission to add at the end of any peal a shorter length than 120 as long as it was a true touch. As so much stress was laid upon the fact that the introduction of the motion was to remove an injustice to Doubles ringers by putting them on the same footing as Minor ringers in regard to certain compositions (although actually the motion has done something totally different), it seems strange that the same people should rob the Doubles ringers of one of the things it was proposed to give them in common with the six-bell fraternity. Ever since there has been a definition of a peal of Minor, introduced in 1911 to secure the use of true extents only, Minor ringers have had the privilege of extending their peals by the addition, at the end, of any true touch—a concession obviously granted so that they could, if they desired, ring some special length for a special occasion.

Only on seven bells has the number of changes constituting a peal ever been settled by hard and fast rule. On all numbers above, ringers have had the undoubted right to ring any length they choose, as long as it conforms to the method and does not fall below 5000 changes. Where a smaller number of bells permits similar treatment there seems no logical reason for refusing the same concession. Custom has laid it down that Doubles and Minor should not fall below 5040, and we think it would have been a good thing if our forefathers had always accepted that standard and never rung as a peal any number of changes below it, however many bells they employed, but the fashion of counting anything not less than 5000 on eight bells and upwards sprang up at a very early stage of peal ringing. There is nothing, however, to prevent any desired number of changes above that number being rung, and if a band wants to ring 5400 of Minor, or 5100 of Doubles there seems 'nothing fundamentally wrong with it,' as the proposer of the original motion remarked.

But the Council have said that the Doubles ringers are not to have that concession, which hitherto they have enjoyed without question—whether they have exercised it or not is another matter—from the beginning of five-bell peal ringing. Minor ringers, however, may continue to do the same thing and their peals will be recognised by the Council. And the members talk about justice to the Doubles ringers! Truly Mr. Percy Johnson was right when he said the Council were only consistent in their

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inconsistency. This particular deletion was done quite casually, without apparently any real thought as to the logical result or the reason which lay behind its original introduction. Short of restoring the clause, the only sensible thing which the Council can now do is to rob Minor ringers of a privilege which, whether they have used it or not, has always been theirs. The wise thing for the Council to have done would have been to have kept the clause in this new definition and at some future time discussed the principle of these lengthening touches and dealt with the Minor and Doubles together and on the same footing. Actually the matter is not one of vital importance, but these slipshod methods of doing things do the Council no good in the eyes of lookers-on.

TEN BELL PEALS.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 26, 1937, in Three Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5029 CHANGES;

Tenor 37½ cwt. in D flat.

GEORGE A. PICKERING ... Treble	HERBERT P. CLIFF 6
* REGINALD H. HEWITT ... 2	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 7
CHARLES E. LAWSON ... 3	THOMAS H. RERVES 8
JOHN ANDERSON 4	RICHARD THOMPSON 9
WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 5	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

* First peal on ten bells. Rung as a loyal tribute on the birthday of H.M. Queen Mary.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 23, 1937, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERERS, 5003 CHANGES;

C.C.C. No. 55.

Tenor 24 cwt.

DAVID VINCENT Treble	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 6
STEPHEN L. PARRY 2	ALAN J. BROWN 7
CHARLES RIDYARD 3	ERIC YATES 8
KEITH WELSBY 4	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... 9
* PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE ... 5	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

* First peal of Grandsire Caterers.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, June 26, 1937, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

CHARLES HAZELDEN Treble	SIDNEY BREEZE 6
THOMAS E. DENYER 2	JOHN H. B. HESSE 7
C. ERNEST SMITH 3	JAMES BENNETT 8
CHARLES T. COLES 4	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... 9
SIDNEY ELTON 5	* WILLIAM F. J. COPE ... Tenor

Composed by W. WILLSON.

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 26, 1937, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

JOSEPH F. CHATLEY Treble	HERBERT G. MASON 6
HENRY HODGETTS 2	HAROLD V. FROST 7
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 3	EDWIN JENNINGS 8
GILBERT E. DEBENHAM ... 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... 9
FRANCIS KIRK 5	JOHN E. ROOTES Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by H. V. FROST.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. † First peal of Stedman Caterers. ‡ First peal on ten bells. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung for the patronal festival.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(CHELTENHAM BRANCH.)On Wednesday, June 16, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM TOWNSEND Treble	ROGER W. DANIELS 5
HAROLD HOLFORD 2	GEORGE H. WALTERS 6
JOHN AUSTIN 3	*THOMAS BOREHAM 7
CHARLES W. MARTIN 4	JOHN F. BALLINGER Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by JOHN F. BALLINGER.
* First peal of Bob Major. Rung as a Coronation peal for the parish of Prestbury.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, June 19, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION,

Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES GEORGE Treble	WILLIAM C. DOWDING 5
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	PERCY N. G. RAINEY 6
FRANK E. HAYNES 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
RICHARD C. INGRAM 4	HENRY H. FEARN Tenor

Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 21, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Luke, Bromley Common,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

PERCY J. SPICE Treble	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 5
WILLIAM G. GRACE 2	EDMUND MOUNTER 6
ALLISON PURDOM 3	JOHN E. LYDDIARD 7
FREDERICK E. PITMAN 4	JIM HURRELL Tenor

Conducted by J. E. LYDDIARD.

Rung in commemoration of the jubilee of St. Luke's Church.

LLANFRECHFA, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 22, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. in B flat.

*GEORGE JOHN Treble	*WILLIAM POWELL 5
*MISS GWYNETH M. SMITH 2	JOHN W. JONES 6
LESLIE BAINHAM 3	*ROBERT SMITH 7
REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS 4	*SIDNEY BAMFORD Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.
* First peal of Triples and local ringers. First peal on the bells since they were augmented from six to eight. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Hopton Addams-Williams, a lieutenant in Spencer's Horse now serving in India.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 23, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At Christ Church,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*CHARLES BUTCHER Treble	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 5
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 2	*ERNEST PARKER 6
JESSE FRANCIS 3	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 7
CHARLES F. ANDREWS 4	GILBERT H. HARDING Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by G. H. HARDING.

* First peal in the method.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART,

Tenor 21 cwt.

WALTER NICHOLS Treble	ROGER D. ST. J. SMITH 5
MAURICE WARD 2	J. ALFRED BARRATT 6
FRANK BROWN 3	FREDERICK A. SALTER 7
FRANK BRADLEY 4	*RICHARD BOWLER Tenor

Conducted by J. A. BARRATT.

* First peal. Rung to commemorate Mr. H. R. Cobbin's 40 years as a ringer at St. Peter's.

RISHTON, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 23, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

A. YATES Treble	L. WILLIAMS 5
R. ATHERTON 2	J. GLEGG 6
*E. BRUNTON 3	L. J. WILLIAMS 7
F. READ 4	R. BALDERSTONE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by R. BALDERSTONE.

* First peal of Major. First peal on the bells after being recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Rung in honour of the diamond jubilee of the church, the recast bells being part of the renovation scheme.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 26, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 1.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOSEPH BAILEY Treble	ARTHUR BRAINES 5
R. ALLAN HICKTON 2	CHARLES GEARY 6
ALBERT H. WARD 3	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON 4	E. C. CHASTY Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 26, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK G. BIGGS Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
MISS D. R. FLETCHER 2	ROLAND BIGGS 6
*MISS K. E. FLETCHER 3	CECIL C. MAYNE 7
WILLIAM HENLEY 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE

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

GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 26, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH JENNINGS Treble	FREDERICK RIDGWELL 5
*SYDNEY TAYLOR 2	MISS HILDA SNOWDEN 6
RONALD SUCKLING 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
FRANK CLAYDON 4	ALBERT WIFFEN Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

* First peal in the method and first attempt.

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(LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 26, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.
WILLIAM WOODHEAD ... Treble | HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 5
HARRY DAVISON ... 2 | GEORGE ROBINSON ... 6
WILLIAM H. SENIOR ... 3 | FREDERICK SEAGER ... 7
*KENNETH SIMPSON ... 4 | LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... Tenor
Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS
* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Messrs.
G. A. Jowett and A. Armitage.

NORRURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 26, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.
JAMES FERNLEY ... Treble | JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... 5
*MRS. JAMES FERNLEY ... 2 | WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 6
†REV. FRANK BONNER ... 3 | JAMES A. MILNER ... 7
†C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 4 | JOHN WORTH ... Tenor
Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method. Rung
as a birthday compliment to the Rev. F. Bonner, Mrs. Fernley taking
a rope at short notice.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 26, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in E.
ERNEST TREAGUS ... Treble | FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 5
KEITH HART ... 2 | EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... 6
FREDERICK PAGE ... 3 | FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
EDMUND H. LINDUP ... 4 | ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... Tenor
Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

HERTFORD.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 26, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 16 cwt.
JOSEPH LADLEY ... Treble | GEORGE RADLEY ... 5
REGINALD DORE ... 2 | †SIDNEY C. ROCHESTER ... 6
*MISS C. DITTON (aged 14) ... 3 | ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 7
GEORGE GRAY ... 4 | PERCY W. SANDERS ... Tenor
Conducted by A. J. HOUSE.

* First peal in the method away from treble. † First peal in the
method.

MICKLETON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 26, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN THOMAS ... Treble | JOSEPH E. NEWMAN ... 5
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 2 | FRANK TUFFLEY ... 6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 3 | †SAMUEL LOYNES ... 7
*LEONARD KINCHIN ... 4 | FREDERICK G. KINCHIN ... Tenor
Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. Rung as the Southern Branch
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On Saturday, June 19, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford
Treble Bob, and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G sharp.
ROYDON DAVIES ... Treble | HARRY W. SIMMONS ... 4
WALTER CLAYDON ... 2 | FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 5
DANIEL W. COOPER ... 3 | CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 19, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.
WALTER BELCHER ... Treble | WILLIAM T. GOADBY ... 4
CECIL VEREY ... 2 | *JAMES W. ATKINS ... 5
FREDERICK G. BAILEY ... 3 | WILLIAM TALBOT ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES W. ATKINS.

First peal as conductor.

WINFORD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 19, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores in ten callings. Tenor 16 cwt.
RONALD W. TREASURE ... Treble | FRANCIS C. MOGFORD ... 4
WILLIAM ROSEWELL ... 2 | HAROLD PARFREY ... 5
LESLIE B. COLES ... 3 | *EDWARD GILL ... Tenor

Conducted by H. PARFREY.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor.

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(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 19, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THE HOLY ROOD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising five 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and two of Kent Treble
Bob, each extent called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.
HERBERT WOODS ... Treble | FREDERICK PEARSON ... 4
*PERCY MARKHAM ... 2 | *CYRIL WANDER ... 5
*GERALD SHORT ... 3 | P.C. H. R. WOODS ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT WOODS.

* First peal.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, June 21, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Capel, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise,
Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, Sandal and Kingston. Tenor 13 cwt.

ROLAND HILL ... Treble | ARTHUR GILL ... 4
WILFRED TIBBLE ... 2 | GEORGE LORD ... 5
ARTHUR PANTHER ... 3 | DANIEL SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

WADENHOE, NORTANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 21, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob.

J. D. DEIGHTON ... Treble | A. H. MARTIN ... 4
H. J. BALCOMBE ... 2 | WALTER PERKINS ... 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... 3 | CHARLES W. CLARKE ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Duke of York, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford.
Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS Treble	BARNARD PATMORE 4
WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE 2	ERNEST A. OVERALL 5
ALBERT LAWRENCE 3	SIDNEY CARTER Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY CARTER.

BARTON SEAGRAVE, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(KETTERING BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, June 23, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two callings.

*SIDNEY SARGENT Treble	†CECIL BROWN 3
MATTHIAS HOBBS 2	SIDNEY MUNTON 4
BERNARD SADDINGTON Tenor	

Conducted by M. HOBBS.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on an 'inside' bell.

PLEASLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 23, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 six-scores of Grandsire, 10 different callings, and 21 six-scores of Plain Bob, four different callings.
Tenor 16 cwt.

*JOHN R. WILSON Treble	JOHN NORRIS 3
FREDERICK FLINT 2	J. READER 4
HERBERT T. ROOKE Tenor	

Conducted by H. T. ROOKE.

* First peal and first attempt.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 25, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently.
Tenor 11 cwt.

KEITH W. WHITTELL Treble	*SHELFORD SPARROW 4
EDWIN A. CRACKNELL 2	*HARRY D. LISTER 5
ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 3	ARTHUR R. WOODARD Tenor

Conducted by H. D. LISTER.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor.

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SOUTHAMPTON.

On Saturday, June 19, 1937, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
*ANDREW J. CORRIGAN 2	*REGINALD A. REED 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	WILLIAM E. CHEATER 7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS 4	ARTHUR T. GREENWOOD Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Surprise.

EAST TYTHERLEY.

On Monday, June 21, 1937, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	*REGINALD A. REED 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	FRANK BENNETT 6
*ANDREW J. CORRIGAN 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 7
LOUIS J. LOCKYER 4	WILLIAM E. CHEATER Tenor

Composed by S. H. WOOD. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Double Norwich and at first attempt. Mr. Bennett's 1,400th peal.

HIGHCLERE.

On Tuesday, June 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

*LOUIS J. LOCKYER Treble	ERNEST W. PYE 5
†ANDREW J. CORRIGAN 2	WILLIAM E. CHEATER 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	†REGINALD A. REED Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Superlative. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg.

WHITCHURCH.

On Tuesday, June 22, 1937, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	WILLIAM E. CHEATER 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
*LOUIS J. LOCKYER 4	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside' and at first attempt.

ROMSEY.

On Wednesday, June 23, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND AETHELFLAEDA,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

REGINALD A. REED Treble	ANDREW J. CORRIGAN 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	*ERNEST W. PYE 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 7
WILLIAM E. CHEATER 4	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Plain Bob and at first attempt.

MILFORD-ON-SEA.

On Thursday, June 24, 1937, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	WILLIAM E. CHEATER 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	ERNEST W. PYE 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS 4	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

FORDINGBRIDGE.

On Friday, June 25, 1937, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

REGINALD A. REED Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
ANDREW J. CORRIGAN 2	ERNEST W. PYE 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	WILLIAM E. CHEATER 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

RINGWOOD.

On Friday, June 25, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD Treble	LOUIS J. LOCKYER 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	ANDREW J. CORRIGAN 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	REGINALD A. REED 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	WILLIAM E. CHEATER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

FOBBING, ESSEX.—On July 2nd, at the Parish Church, 2,016 changes of Plain Bob Major: Wilfred Ockendon 1, Albert North 2, Arthur Ockendon 3, Miss C. Chinnery 4, Arthur Reeve 5, Frank Lufkin (conductor) 6, Harry Chinnery 7, Harry Smith 8. Rung on the occasion of the treble ringer's 21st birthday and his father's silver wedding.

VETERAN YORKSHIRE RINGER.

PRESIDES AT CLEVELAND ANNUAL MEETING.

Glorious weather favoured the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association when they visited Ripon on June 26th for their annual meeting. The fine day made the visit to this ancient city, with its lovely Cathedral and splendid peal of bells, a great pleasure.

The Dean of Ripon, a remarkably active man considering his 82 years of age, met the ringers at the Cathedral and gave them a hearty welcome to Ripon.

Tea was held at the Black Bull Hotel, when over 50 ringers and friends were present. In the unavoidable absence of the president, who sent a letter of apology, Mr. T. Metcalfe was voted to the chair. Mr. Metcalfe expressed his great appreciation of the honour conferred upon him. The secretary (Mr. J. Reed) voiced the congratulations of the company to the chairman on completing 60 years' service as a ringer and celebrating his 72nd birthday a fortnight ago by conducting a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples from the 7th.

Replying, the Chairman recalled some of his early experiences and the miles he used to cycle going to different places to ring. He hoped that others would get the same amount of pleasure out of ringing, as he had spent the happiest time of his life ringing.

The secretary's report and balance sheet were accepted unanimously. The balance sheet showed a credit balance of £28 10s. On the proposal of the chairman and seconded by Mr. W. N. Park, the secretary was thanked for his work during his first year of office. Mr. J. C. Pollard, of Middlesbrough, was re-elected president, and Mr. J. Reed, of Guisborough, secretary and treasurer. One new honorary member and three new performing members were elected. Certificates for the Sunday service ringing were presented to the winners, Tadcaster, and Ripon second, and it was hoped that more towers would compete this year. Meetings were arranged to be held throughout the year, September meeting at Ormesby, January at Northallerton, April at Richmond, and the annual meeting at Saltsburn.

A vote of thanks was given to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the bells. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to Mr. Metcalfe for presiding.

Ringings at the Cathedral continued until 9 p.m., the methods rung being Stedman Caters and Triples, Grandsire Caters and Triples, Kent Royal and Major, Double Norwich Major and Bob Major. Ringers attended from Whitby, Skelton, Saltsburn, Guisborough, Ormesby, Middlesbrough, Darlington, Thirsk, Ripon, Tadcaster and Leeds.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOCKPORT BRANCH MEETS AT REDDISH.

A meeting of the Stockport Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at St. Elizabeth's Church, Reddish, when some 35 members and friends were present. The eight bells were requisitioned early in the afternoon and a variety of methods rung. Service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. R. W. Watson), who also gave a short address. The singing of the hymns was greatly assisted by the presence of the choir, and the accompaniment to the singing was upon the magnificent organ, an instrument which is quite in keeping with what may be considered one of the most beautiful churches in that part of the country.

After service, tea, partaken of in the adjacent schools, was followed by the business meeting. Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft, the branch chairman, who presided, apologised for the Rector's inability to be present owing to other duties. The Rector had assured him that he was exceedingly pleased to welcome the Guild.

Reference was made to the passing to higher service of Mrs. W. Wilde, and those present stood for a moment in silence as a tribute to her memory.

There was very little business to be disposed of—a short report of the committee meeting, a strong recommendation to all to read the excellent article on Coronation ringing in the current issue of 'The Ringing World' and apply it to their individual cases, comprised the main points.

The meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for permission to hold the meeting, to the local ringers for having everything in readiness, to the choir and the organist for their services, and to the ladies who so admirably attended to the needs of the company at the tables.

Further ringing then took place until a late hour and ranged from rounds to Cambridge Major.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ASHFORD DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the Ashford District held at New Romney on Saturday, June 19th, was attended by 30 members representing eight towers. The bells were made good use of during the afternoon and evening, two young members ringing their first touches on eight bells.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. F. Scott). Tea was served in the Church Hall, followed by a business meeting, at which the Vicar presided.

Thanks were accorded to the Vicar for taking the service, for the use of the bells and for his kindness in providing the excellent tea.

The Vicar was elected an honorary member.

FOR BEGINNERS.

HOW TO SET ABOUT CALLING GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

Many beginners in conducting make a start with Grandsire Triples and we have been asked to devote one of these articles to telling the novice how to set about it.

Let us say, first of all, that the man who aims at being a 'conductor' must endeavour to make himself something more than a mere 'bob-caller.' The real conductor shoulders more than the responsibility of putting in the bobs and singles at the right place. He must know whether the bells are right or wrong, so that he does not have necessarily to go to the end of the touch or peal before he knows if the bells will come round.

At first, perhaps, he will only be dead sure of his ground at certain intervals, when some definite change, which he has previously memorised, turns up. To do this he must be able to read the ropes, but it is better to be able to watch the bells working up to the required positions than to rely upon the eye at some particular fall of the ropes. One can be so easily deceived.

In cultivating the ability to watch the gradual development of the various positions of the bells, the conductor also acquires the knowledge and ability to correct mistakes if they should occur. It is easy, of course, to tell a man to dodge with him if the other ringer has shown that he is going to miss the dodge, but without a more extensive knowledge of the relative positions of all the bells it is not so easy to give prompt and definite instructions when, say, the conductor is on the front and the two bells behind are clashing in obvious uncertainty as to which should be the first to hunt down.

From this it will be seen that the young conductor must extend his studies beyond mere bob-calling. In plain methods, for instance, he should be able to observe the coursing order of the bells, that is the order in which the bells follow one another through the sequence of the work of the method and come to lead.

For example, in Grandsire Triples, with two bells plain hunting—the treble and another—there are five bells 'working.' The conductor should first know the order in which they are coursing, next he should be able to anticipate any change in this order which a bob or single will cause, so that when the call has been made he is certain that the bells have come correctly into their new positions, or, if not, is able to direct them into their right place without hesitation.

A ringer with good 'rope-sight' can easily 'pick-up' the coursing order of the bells, but the anticipation, which is so necessary to real conducting, is more difficult, because it involves an additional mental process. It means that the conductor must hunt his own bell correctly, at the same time remember the existing coursing order of the bells, and also be able to transpose them into the next sequence in anticipation of the call he is going to make.

The novice must not expect that he can do all this at once; the ability comes only by study and practice. Some of it can be acquired when other people are calling by a close observation of what is going on.

First of all, note the bell in the hunt, then look for the order of the bells following the treble and the bell in the hunt. In the plain course they are 3, 4, 6, 7, 5, and this cycle will be maintained until a call is made, the only variation being that the last bell in one lead becomes first in the next. Thus the first lead of 3.4.6.7.5 becomes 5.3.4.6.7 in the second and 7.5.3.4.6 in the 3rd and so on. This is brought about by the last bell in the series (having come to lead immediately in front of the treble) making 3rd's place and coming back in front of the rest.

When a bob is called, the transposition is different. The bell that has been in the hunt has then to be taken into consideration.

The bells as they course after the treble in the first lead are 2.3.4.6.7.5. If a bob is called the transposition moves the two last bells into position in front of the bell that has been in the hunt, and the first of these two becomes the new hunt bell, and can then be left out of consideration in the mental operations until the next call comes along. Thus a bob at the first lead changes the 2.3.4.6.7.5 order into 7.5.2.3.4.6; another bob at the following lead would make the coursing order 4.6.7.5.2.3; but a plain lead would make it 6.5.2.3.4 (that is, always remembering that the 7th continues to course after the treble).

As a first step to conducting, then, we recommend the beginner to study the coursing order of bells in touches which other people are calling, afterwards he can go on to the bob calling himself. We know that very often the process is reversed; that all the beginner troubles about is to call the bobs in the right place and leave the rest to luck, or somebody else. We, however, think that the most efficient way is to begin by understanding what the bells themselves are doing.

MISS E. J. C. ANGWIN'S FIFTY PEALS.

The following is a list of Miss E. J. C. Angwin's fifty peals, which have all been rung on a working bell except one of Grandsire Doubles on the tenor and one of Grandsire Triples on the treble: Grandsire Doubles 12, Triples 18, Caters 3, Stedman Triples 2, Plain Bob Minor 2, Major 7, Royal 2, Minor (3 methods) 2, Kent Treble Bob Major 2.

The peals have been rung under the following auspices: Truro Diocesan Guild 39, Devon Guild 3, Norwich Diocesan Association 4, Bath and Wells Diocesan Association 1, Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association 1, Midland Counties Association 2.

DEATH OF MR. J. H. MIDWINTER.

Towerkeeper and a member of St. David's Church, Bangor, for 40 years, Mr. J. H. Midwinter died on June 26th after a short illness, aged 67 years.

At his native village of Charlton Kings, Gloucestershire, Mr. Midwinter learnt to ring. He had rung 62 peals, consisting of 1 Grandsire Doubles, 1 Minor, 23 Grandsire Triples, 8 Stedman Triples, 11 Bob Major, 8 Kent Treble Bob Major, 3 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 2 Superlative Surprise Major, 2 Grandsire Caters, 1 Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1 Grandsire Cinques, 1 Bob Maximus.

The funeral on June 30th at St. David's Church was conducted by the Rev. R. C. Jones (Vicar), assisted by the Rev. G. Hughes (curate). Handbells were rung at the graveside by T. Jones, J. G. Davies, A. E. Pegler, sen., A. E. Pegler, jun., who also acted as bearers, assisted by W. T. Pegler and A. Ferries (a great friend).

The bells were rung half-muffled in the evening by the local band and also ringers of Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno, Mrs. G. D. Kelly, of Handsworth, Sheffield, and J. T. Bartram, of Misterton, Notts. Methods that were rung during the evening were Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and the whole pull and stand.

DARLEY DALE TOWER BEREAVED.

By the tragic and sudden death of Mr. W. E. Blagshaw, aged 34 years, the Darley Dale belfry has lost one of its most valued members. He was of a cheerful and pleasant disposition, regular in his Sunday service ringing and worship, a useful and willing member in all church activities.

Mr. Blagshaw was not a great peal ringer owing to his employment as a nurseryman and the distance he lived from the belfry. He had taken part in seven peals for the Midland Counties Association, but he was always ready to help in progressing the art of change ringing, being a good ringer in a number of plain methods; in fact, he was a good example of what a ringer should be. He will be long missed and remembered at Darley Dale.

His funeral took place on Sunday afternoon, July 4th, in the churchyard he loved so well. The Rector of Darley Dale conducted the service. Four of his fellow-ringers rang a plain course of Grandsire Triples on handbells at the graveside. For evening service on the day of his burial the tower bells were rung half-muffled to a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, the striking being very good, by R. Benton (first quarter-peal) 1, B. Allsop 2, V. E. Taylor 3, H. W. Gregory 4, H. E. Taylor 5, R. Allsop 6, G. R. Paulson 7, E. Paulson 8. G. H. P.

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM MAUND.

Mr. William Maund, one of Warwickshire's oldest bellringers, passed away suddenly on June 29th. A man with a high sense of devotion to duty will be greatly missed by all, but by none more than by the members of St. John's Church, Coventry, where he had held the office of vergor for the last eleven years.

He was born at Whitbourne, Herefordshire, and his early ringing was done in that county. Later he went to Bridgnorth, where he rang three peals—two of Grandsire and one of Darlaston Bob Triples for the Hereford Diocesan Guild. He came to Coventry about 35 years ago, and was one of the pioneer members of the Warwickshire Guild when it was formed in 1907. Whenever duties allowed, he was to be found ringing the bells he loved, those of Stoke Parish Church, and it was at this church where he rang his seven peals for the Guild, three of Grandsire and four of Stedman.

The interment at the Coventry Cemetery was preceded by the funeral service at St. John's Church. With the little company of mourners, seven members of the Guild followed his body to its last resting place, and as a last tribute to his memory a course of Triples was rung over the open grave. M. M.

BALLOONIST AND BELLRINGER.**MR. HARRY HENDEN DIES IN AUSTRALIA.**

An Australian paper records the death, at the age of 89 years, of Mr. Harry Henden, of Orange, New South Wales. He was born at Dartford, Kent. In 1873, says the report, Mr. Henden, was widely known for his daring balloon ascents in London and Australia. He made 230 ascents in all, including several in Sydney, Melbourne, and Orange, where he had worked for 52 years before his death as a watchmaker and jeweller.

'Mr. Henden,' the report adds, 'was also expert in the art of bell-ringing and was the oldest member of the ancient society of the London College of Bellringers. On the occasion of the diamond jubilee of his wedding, which he celebrated in Orange seven years ago, members of the society pealed the bells in London in his honour.'

A MEMORIAL TOUCH.

At Leicester Cathedral Church of St. Martin, a quarter-peal of Stedman Cinques with half-muffled bells was rung on Saturday, May 15th, in memory of the late Canon Winckley, of this Cathedral, in 55 minutes: S. Cotton 1, L. E. Allen 2, H. J. Poole (conductor) 3, Dr. F. S. Poole 4, S. Cheney 5, C. F. Howitt 6, P. L. Harrison 7, H. G. Jenney 8, F. E. Wilson 9, A. I. Harris 10, F. H. Dexter 11, T. Taylor 12. First quarter-peal on 12 bells by 4, 5 and 10.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The William Pye memorial peal tablet will be unveiled and dedicated on July 20th at St. Mary-le-Bow Church, Cheapside, at 7.30 p.m. Mr. John G. Ames, Ringing Master of the Elloe Deauneries Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, was married on July 3rd to Miss E. H. Stocks, of Pinchbeck. The occasion was honoured by a peal of Bob Major.

As good as ever is the report sent of the handling of Mr. Alfred Lawrence, the 84-year-old member of the Christ Church, Swindon, band. On July 4th he participated in a birthday compliment quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. Another member of the band, Mr. W. W. T. Daniell, also received birthday felicitations, and the occasion was the first quarter of Stedman away from the tenor of A. G. Wells.

Connected with the bells of St. Deny's, Ibstock, for over 60 years, Mr. J. W. Hopkins celebrated his 84th birthday on June 24th. For 30 years he has been churchwarden. A touch of Grandsire Doubles, consisting of 840 changes—the 84 lead-ends being appropriate for his age—was rung by A. Overton 1, C. Verey 2, A. R. Tonks (conductor) 3, H. Tonks 4, J. W. Atkins 5, W. H. Ball 6.

More about veterans. Midsummer Day was the 78th birthday of Mr. J. A. Dixon, who has rung at St. Marie's, Sheffield, for over 60 years. Mr. Dixon took part in a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Marie's on June 27th in honour of the event, the company consisting of J. Osgathorpe 1, F. Gates 2, A. Chaddock 3, G. C. Kibblewhite 4, J. A. Dixon 5, R. Harrison, jun. 6, R. Harrison (conductor) 7, H. Hurst 8.

There is a possibility that the bells of Prittlewell, Essex, where Mr. William Dudley has completed 50 years of change ringing, will be augmented to twelve. A firm of bellfounders have estimated for the work.

In honour of Mr. Dudley's golden jubilee as a ringer, a peal of Stedman Caters was attempted on June 13th, but unfortunately broke down after 1½ hours' good ringing. Another attempt, it is hoped, will be made later.

THE HAMPSHIRE TOUR.

A CHOICE STORY.

As suggested by the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' I am sending a couple of chapters with the hope that he may be able to spare room to publish same.

Chapter I.—East Tytherley.

'Time there was but it is gone;
'Time there may be—who can tell?
'Time there is to act upon,
'Help me, Lord, to use it well.'

Chapter II.—Sherfield English.

'All that pleases is but for a moment,
'All that grieves us is but for a moment,
'Nothing is important but that which is Eternal.'

Milan Cathedral.

The above lines may be read at the respective churches. Our visit coincided with the first day of summer, in glorious weather, amidst peaceful and picturesque Hampshire scenery, recalling a well-known poet's verse, 'Oh! to be in England, when the village bells are ringing.'

W. H. F.

BELLS SHOULD SOUND THEIR LOUDEST.

In his address to members of the Southern District of the Surrey Association at Bletchingley on June 26th, the Rector said that ringers should always ring their bells in such a good manner that the bells would always sound their loudest—the best praise to God. This praise should also be shown by ringers in their lives. The heart as well as the head should be in bellringing and then the message of the bells would sound all the clearer to people not thinking of God.

The 60 odd feet of draught and new ropes did not deter the ringers from making good use of the bells. Of the company of 25, members came from Lingfield, Buckland, Reigate, Redhill (St. John's), Mersham, Banstead and Uckfield, and the mobile section of the Northern District, headed by 'the broadcasting bellringers Nos. 1, 2 and 3.'

At the meeting sympathy was expressed with three members who were ill—Mr. Batten (Mersham), Mr. Fuller (Reigate) and Mr. Whitmore (Horley).

THE ADMIRATION OF THE EXERCISE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—On page 422 in your issue of June 25th is recorded a peal of Minor, the ringers of which have surely earned the admiration of the whole of the Exercise. I refer to the peal at Fairfield, Buxton, in the maximum number (73) of Treble Bob methods it is possible to ring in seven extents.

As readers of 'The Ringing World' will have observed, this band of Spliced Minor experts have been steadily increasing the number of methods in their peals, and their efforts have now culminated in this truly splendid achievement.

It reflects not only the exceptional ringing ability of the performers, but also their co-operation and loyalty as a band over a long period, qualities which are, in far too many cases, lacking at the present time.

It is the more remarkable that the band should have such widely differing ages, as to range from the youngest in his early twenties to the eldest in his sixties. Heartiest congratulations to them all!

Chalfont St. Giles.

IDA HAWKINS.

OUTINGS OF 1937 INTERESTING NARRATIVES.

IMPRESSIONS OF EAST ANGLIA.

WOODFORD RINGERS' OUTING.

Ideal weather favoured the Woodford ringers and their friends on June 27th, when a party of 32 visited some interesting churches of Suffolk and Essex. An early start was made to enable them to ring for the morning service at St. Mary's, Woodbridge.

True to time the bells were set going, and touches of Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major, not forgetting some 'call changes' for the learners, were rung on a very tuneful eight, tenor 25 cwt., all cast by Thomas Osborne, of Downham Market, in 1799. Well may Mr. G. J. Trotman, who welcomed the party, and his local band be proud of their bells which grace a lofty flint tower!

The next halt was made at St. Mary's, Bury St. Edmunds, where Mr. Chinnery welcomed the visitors, and touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob were rung on an excellent ring of eight, tenor 28 cwt., also cast by Thomas Osborne. The church, one of the largest in England, is full of interest, ranking with the Cathedral Church of St. James close by as outstanding Perpendicular edifices.

After the long fast had been broken at the White Lion, a short run brought the party to Lavenham, where Mr. A. Symonds, who figured in the Lavenham broadcast of a year ago, extended a genial welcome. This was indeed the 'climax' of the outing. The picturesqueness of the mediæval cloth-exporting town is only excelled by the magnificent Church of SS. Peter and Paul with its rich sounding peal of bells, tenor 23 cwt. The tenor, cast by Miles Gray in 1625, must be the envy of all bellfounders! Touches of Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung and well struck. The tower, built about 1483 and rising to 141ft., is worthy of such a peal. No pains were spared to use the best of materials, and Barnac stone and Brandon flint are both in evidence. Strong buttresses give strength and beauty to this crowning glory of an outstanding edifice.

St. Mary's, Bures, was reached in time for touches of Oxford, Kent and Cambridge Minor to be rung prior to the evening service on a good going tuneful six, tenor 22 cwt., Mr. Bower and Mr. Ives joining in. The church, with its 14th century embattled and pinnacled tower, stands near the Stour and adds charm to a typical Suffolk scene. Tea was well served at the One Bell, and at the conclusion of the refreshing meal Messrs. S. Webb, F. Corner and C. Morss were specially thanked for arranging a most enjoyable outing.

The final halt was made at St. John's, Fincham, where touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Kent Treble Bob were rung on a good eight, tenor 18 cwt., Messrs. H. Samms and D. Jennings, of the Bardfield band, joining in. The 12th century west door and the 15th century rood screen with its elaborate tracery are outstanding features of an historical church.

By 11.20 Woodford was reached and all quickly dispersed, having seen the country gaily bedecked with flowers and foliage, viewed from winding roads and charming hillocks, and having heard tuneful bells which peal from some of the most interesting churches of East Anglia.

HELMINGHAM RINGERS VISIT KENT.

On June 26th, the Helmingham band, with a few friends, making a party of 20, held their annual outing. A few minutes past 6 a.m. a start was made by motor-coach for Woolwich, St. Mary's Church being reached just after 10 a.m. A few good courses of Surprise were rung, then on to St. John's, Erith, where Mr. and Mrs. George H. Cross met them, and acted as guides for the rest of the day. Lunch at Dartford was followed by a visit to the tower just in time to ring a happy bridal pair out of church. The next call was Northfleet, and then to Gravesend for tea and the final ringing for the day. The methods rung during the day were London, Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich and Stedman Triples.

At 7.40 p.m. we bid farewell to our guides at the Ferry and the drive home in the beautiful summer's evening was delightful. Home was reached about 11.45, everyone happy although tired, but St. Mary's bells were tapping off Cambridge and Superlative at the usual time on Sunday morning. The party thank, through 'The Ringing World,' incumbents for use of bells and towerkeepers for having bells ready, and lastly Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Cross for making the arrangements.

FIVE TOWERS VISITED BY BOLSOVER RINGERS.

Bolsover ringers held their annual outing on June 26th and had a very enjoyable day in the Derby district. Ringing took place at Rolleston-on-Dove, Burton-on-Trent, Overseale, Ashby-de-la-Zouch and Melbourne. The methods rung were Plain Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich, Norfolk Surprise Major, Superlative Surprise Major, Cambridge Surprise Major, Little Bob Major, Little Bob Royal and Kent Treble Bob Royal.

A pleasant event took place at tea at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, when the ringers presented Mr. John Flint with a walking stick, suitably inscribed, to mark the ringing of his 500th peal which he conducted on Coronation Day at Bolsover. Glowing tributes were paid to Mr. Flint's efforts on behalf of the Exercise both at Bolsover and in the district, and the ringers showed their gratitude for the excellent way in which he carries out his duties as captain and tutor of the local band.

YORK MINSTER RINGERS AMID THE DALES.

York Minster ringers repeated last year's outing to Derbyshire for their 'annual' on June 19th, when a party of 18 had a most enjoyable day. The arrangements were in the hands of Mr. S. F. Palmer, who met the company on arrival at Sheffield with a luxurious coach, fitted with knee rugs and wireless, and acted as guide, philosopher and friend throughout the journey.

Hope was our first stopping place, which was reached via Fox House, The Surprise and Bamford. The Surprise View, met unexpectedly, was a lovely sight right across the valley, with well-wooded country beyond. It was well worth the two or three minutes we stopped to take it all in. At Hope we were met by Mr. B. Hadfield, and soon the bells were going to Stedman Triples and Bob Major. They are a nice light peal of eight, and we thoroughly enjoyed our ring, more especially as we were given to understand that previously permission for visitors to ring on these bells was unobtainable.

From Hope to Tideswell, where dinner was provided at the George Hotel (proprietor, Mr. James Buckley), and an excellent dinner it was. During the 'courses' fresh salmon ('surprise') came on and we went to the extent (of the salmon). After grace a course on handbells was rung for the benefit of the local customers. It was a really beautiful drive to Ashover, travelling through Taddington, Dale, Bakewell, via Gallia Dale, Crowfoot and Matlock. Here ringing was arranged by Mr. A. W. H. Bowler. The tenor is approximately 18 cwt., and the difference between the 7th and tenor is about 8 cwt. Nevertheless, they are a nice musical peal. The third bell dates back to 1625 and the 7th to 1630, quite the most ancient bells that any of our party had been privileged to handle.

At both Hope and Ashover a wedding had just taken place previous to our ringing. At Ashover we stood on one side until the man with the camera had taken the wedding party. Then we did our bit on the bells—no, it didn't lead to anything! and we hope neither of the respective brides or bridegrooms' health will suffer in consequence.

Back to Matlock, where a substantial meat tea was provided (by W. H. Moore and Sons). After tea most of the party made their way up to the church there, where Messrs. Victor and E. Taylor kindly met us and had all ready. The very steep hill to the church was accomplished by our 84-year-old colleague (Mr. A. Haigh) in good style. Some good touches in various methods were rung, the bells running very well. Four of our party decided on a game of bowls instead of the climb up to the church, but, unfortunately, it was a 'Crown' green instead of their accustomed 'flat.' We accepted with some reserve the 'fine ends' they played, especially as one of them would persist in playing wrong 'bias.' Nothing transpired on the journey to Sheffield except we ran past The Peacock at approximately 20 miles per hour. There wasn't time!

The train journey was enlivened by some courses on the handbells and we arrived back to York at 10.50 after a most enjoyable day. I take this opportunity of saying 'Thank you' to the incumbents of the churches visited for permission to use their bells, and also to the gentlemen previously mentioned for meeting us and making arrangements which contributed largely to the success of our outing.

T. F. E.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE RINGERS' OUTING.

Ideal weather conditions, ringing in four towers and a jolly party made the outing of the Weston-super-Mare bellringers memorable on June 19th.

After calling at Bristol to pick up Mr. W. H. Thomas, the party of 30 was welcomed by Mrs. Onkhill, wife of the local captain at Wotton-under-Edge, where ringing was enjoyed at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

Lunch at the Falcon Hotel, Painswick, was followed by ringing in this famous church and a cordial welcome by Mr. Goulding, the local captain. At Great Malvern, the party were greeted by Mr. J. C. Lawrence, local captain of the ringers at the Priory Church, and the ringing was most pleasurable. A saunter round the town followed tea. On the homeward trip a halt was called at Deerhurst, where Mr. W. Bartlett, the captain of the ringers of the quaint old Church of St. Mary, received the party, and more ringing enjoyed. Supper was served at the Montague Hotel, Bristol, and Weston was reached at 12.45 a.m. Thanks are due to Messrs. Poplun and Minifie for making the arrangements.

FAKENHAM COMPANY IN FENLAND.

Accompanied by the Rector (the Rev. Dr. E. F. Morison) and members from Dersingham, Sculthorpe and Gressenhall, the Fakenham company held their annual outing on June 12th.

Their tour took them through Swaffham, Brandon, Mildenhall and Soham to Ely in the morning, where lunch was served at the Bell Hotel and the Cathedral was visited. In the afternoon the party continued on through Littleport, Hilgay and Denver to King's Lynn. Tea was very kindly provided by Archdeacon Ward at Hilgay. The members enjoyed touches in various methods on the bells of each church visited.

A DAY IN THE WEST.

LONDON RINGERS' EXPERIENCES.

Nine kindred spirits of the London County Association—Messrs. Waugh, Cousins, Brightley, Cockey, Start, Shorter, Murrell, Richards and Cannon—tell this story of their outing to Somerset and Wiltshire on June 27th.

Headed by the famous red sports model, the party left London at 6.45 a.m., and 3½ hours later had accomplished the journey to Wells Cathedral.

This famous peal of ten, tenor 56½ cwt., was soon rung to Grandsire, Stedman Caters and Bob Royal. The party were joined by Messrs. Melville and Stote from Coventry, always welcome visitors. The funny incident of the day occurred here. An electrical engineer from Essex and a tower-grabber from South-West London were deputed to ring the tenor to some Stedman. By some mistake the 'man on the box' had hold of the strapping rope and the 'strapper' had hold of the tail end. The result on pulling off was that the uppermost ringer had about 5ft. of slack, and the poor strapper was just able to hold the extreme end of the tail end! Amid laughter, the ropes were changed over and no damage done. No names are mentioned, but suffice it to say that they both wore 'plus-fours'!

After saying farewell to the local ringers and taking lunch, a move was made to Wedmore, and this fine peal of eight, tenor 30 cwt., were much enjoyed to Cambridge, Double Norwich, Treble Bob, Stedman and Grandsire. These bells are similar to St. Lawrence Jewry, both rehung by Mears and Stainbank. Mr. William Hibbert was in the district and rang Cambridge with the party.

Leaving the village at 2.15 p.m., the journey was continued through the beautiful Cheddar Gorge. Wending their way over the Mendip hills, through Chewton Mendip, Wells and Frome, the next tower, Westbury, Wilts, was reached at 4.15 p.m. Mr. R. H. Newton met us, and we heard these fine bells to advantage in Cambridge. Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Stedman. The tenor is 35 cwt., the second heaviest eight in the country.

The last tower of the day, Trowbridge, was reached at 5.30 p.m., and Mr. Samuel J. Hector and his merry men gave us a hearty welcome. This handy little ring of 12, tenor 24 cwt., were soon tapping out Stedman Cinques, Grandsire Cinques and Caters, and even the veriest tyro should be able to ring 12 bells here with little difficulty. Thanks and farewells were exchanged and supper taken at the King's Head. The homeward journey started at 7.45 p.m., and singing and exchanging pleasantries with village 'belles' helped to pass the time away. A stop was made at Thatcham to settle expenses and thanks accorded Mr. Waugh for his excellent arrangements. A. F. C.

UNIVERSITY OUTING FOR CAMBERWELL RINGERS.

The St. Giles', Camberwell, Society held their outing on Sunday, June 27th, at Oxford, leaving Paddington in the morning by train, and were met at the station by Mr. R. A. Post, who was responsible with the help of Mr. Bennett, secretary of the Oxford Society, in a hectic but thoroughly enjoyable day being spent.

The party were shown round many interesting colleges and a brief history told of them. Particularly delighted were we when we visited Christ College to be shown the Bellringers' Corner, where the memorials to the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn and the Rev. F. E. Robinson are to be seen. In the afternoon permission to ring on the bells of Merton College was obtained, in which we were successful in bringing round touches of Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major. By changing the exercise we rowed to Ilfley for a brief ring on the peal of six at St. Mary, Ilfley, and, returning to Oxford, rang for evening service at St. Giles' Church touches of Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Major. Between this and 7.15 p.m. the next tower arranged for our benefit, we managed to secure a little tea and light refreshment, then we made our way to the tower of St. Mary the Virgin, Oxford, a beautiful ring of six, which were set going to Kent and Cambridge Minor. On leaving the tower we had but three-quarters of an hour left to ourselves out of the whole day in which to make our way back to the station for train to London.

We wish to thank most gratefully both Mr. Bennett and Mr. Post for the arrangements made on our behalf, which we think could not be improved upon, and to the clergy concerned in allowing us to ring on their bells at the various times and to our brother ringers for making us at home. T. W. T.

IPSWICH RINGERS VISIT ESSEX.

St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, decided for their annual outing on June 26th to ring on some of the well-tuned bells of Essex, viz., Great Baddow, Rayleigh, Prittlewell, Hornchurch, Brentwood, Chelmsford Cathedral.

At Rayleigh there was the pleasure of meeting an old Ipswich friend in the person of Mr. G. F. Margetson, who is in his 88th year, and rang a course of Kent Treble Bob Major with Mr. Bob Brundle, in his 86th year, and three generations of Tilletts. All the usual plain methods and four Surprise methods were rung during the day, finishing up with (as a splendid finale) a course of Superlative Surprise Maximus on the 12 good bells at Chelmsford. Home was safely reached at midnight after an 18 hours' journey.

This society wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank all steeplekeepers and others for their co-operation in making the outing so successful and enjoyable.

HESTON RINGERS IN HAMPSHIRE.

SURPRISE TWICE.

So popular has the Heston ringers' Whit Monday annual outing become that the usual 32-seater coach was found to be totally inadequate. Two members (Messrs. Bird and Cattermoul), therefore, very kindly drove their own cars to convey the overflow. A start was made at 9 a.m., the coach being suitably decorated for the Coronation. The peals of eight rung on during the day were at Shalford, Grayshott, Privett, New Alresford and Farnham. Lunch was taken at the Fox and Pelican, Grayshott—some preferred it 'al fresco' on the village green.

Six of the ringers shared the bob-calling and five towers were numbered among the guests. Ross-on-Wye can certainly call humble Grandsire Triples, Chiswick (who have made rapid progress in their ringing) suggested Cambridge Major, at which surprise was expressed, but they can sing and sleep well. Isleworth tried to teach Twickenham Oxford Bob Triples, but the lady's blackboard was missing, and he who was being taught always learns by diagram. Putney has at long last rung a course of Oxford Treble Bob Major. Much Stedman, Bob Major (with vocal accompaniment) and Double Norwich were also rung.

Heston produced an insistent carillon player and an outing secretary with a hustle but without whip. The wives (bless 'em all) caused him a spot of bother at Privett when they asserted their women's rights by ordering cups of tea at a cottage just when the party were due to leave this more than delightful spot.

The Vicar of Heston, who always enjoys the company of bellringers, motored down to New Alresford to be one of the 49 who sat down to a meat tea at the Bell Hotel, but where was the bread? Unfortunately, the Rector of Alresford could not stay to the tea, but he looked in to say 'a quick one' by giving the invaders a warm welcome to his parish and hoped they had had a good day at their ringing. The Vicar of Heston, on behalf of the ringers, thanked the Rector for the use of such a beautiful peal of bells over and above the allotted time.

Before the coach left on its return journey 'surprise' was sung at the call of Mr. H. C. Chandler, and the outing secretary learned, for the first time in his life, that he was a jolly good fellow.

The home tower was reached at 11.30 p.m., when the company fell into the arms of the law, the only person to be seen being a member of the Police Guild, who, perforce, had to be on duty during the day and consequently was unable to participate in the 'best ever' Heston outing.

All the peals rung on were perfect going eights, especially Shalford and Privett, and the best thanks are due to all towerkeepers who met the visitors, also the incumbents who so readily gave permission to ring. W. F. E.

AMONG SUSSEX VILLAGE TOWERS.

SURREY RINGERS' VARIED EXPERIENCE.

A number of Surrey rural towers was visited by a party of Surrey ringers from Mersham, Chariwood and Buckland, who joined forces for an outing. As a result they gained a varied experience and spent a very enjoyable day, the pleasure of which was enhanced by glorious weather and a drive through some very beautiful country. Anticipated difficulties at Hartfield were quickly dispelled and the ringing on the handy little peal of six greatly pleased the visitors. At Wadhurst, however, they found it rather disconcerting to ring on bells with the circle anti-clockwise, and as a result the ringing was not all that could be desired. Burwash, once the home of Rudyard Kipling, provided bells even more difficult to handle. A very short draught and thick sallies which bounced off the beams of the ceiling overhead did not help matters, but the handicaps were more than discounted by the warm welcome offered by the captain of the local ringers, Mr. Douch.

After lunch at the Bear Hotel, the journey was continued to Warbleton, where some excellent ringing was done on some lovely bells, and then to Hellingly, where tea was partaken of after ringing. Loughton with another good six and Ringmer with its fine eight brought the ringing programme to a close. At the latter place the Vicar is the Rev. A. H. Robinson, formerly Rector of Mersham, and naturally the ringers received a very warm welcome from him. Ample light refreshments were awaiting the party on the Vicarage lawn, and the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Robinson was much appreciated.

MALDON RINGERS' EXCURSION.

The ringers of All Saints' Church, Maldon, Essex, together with their wives and friends, went for their annual outing on Saturday, June 19th. Starting from Maldon at 7.30, they first visited Finchamfield, where the first stop was made and the bells were soon going merrily in Stedman, Kent and Bob Major, while the fair sex had a look round the village, which is one of the beauty spots of Essex. At Saffron Walden the party were met by Mr. Pitstow and afterwards by the Vicar (the Rev. Hughes), formerly Vicar of Maldon, who gave them a hearty welcome to his church. After an enjoyable ring on the bells, a move was made to Cambridge, where lunch was partaken of at the Dorothy Cafe. This was followed by a ring on the heavy peal of bells at the Roman Catholic Church. After tea at Royston, the party went on to Sawbridgeworth, where they were met by some of the local ringers and some good ringing was much enjoyed. Home was reached at 11 p.m.

PEAL NOTES.

It was appropriate that the first peal on the newly-augmented ring at Llanfrechfa, Monmouthshire, should be rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Lieut. Hopton Addams-Williams, of Spencer's Horse, who is now serving in India.

One of the two new bells to make the octave was given by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Addams-Williams, to mark his coming of age. The other new bell commemorates the Coronation of King George VI. Five local ringers took part in the peal and it was their first peal of Triples.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Rishton, Lancs, on June 23rd, was the 200th peal for the Lancashire Association by L. J. Williams.

A peal of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor at Donington, Lincs, on June 19th, was conducted by Mr. Herbert Woods, the 71-year-old verger of the church.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Drighlington, Yorks, on June 26th, was the 50th occasion the conductor (Mr. Leslie W. G. Morris) has 'turned in' the tenor to a peal.

The centenary of Queen Victoria's accession to the Throne was remembered at Wath-on-Dearne, Yorks, by a peal of Treble Bob Minor. It was also a birthday compliment to A. Panther.

Congratulations to Miss C. Dutton, aged 14, who rang her first peal in Grandsire Triples away from the treble at Hertford on June 26th. By this peal Mr. G. Gray 'circled' the tower.

Another association with Queen Victoria was the peal at Little Munden, Herts, to commemorate the first peal on the bells on Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee, in which the brothers Lawrence rang their first peal.

While participating in the Hampshire tour, Mr. Frank Bennett recorded his 1,400th peal. The peals at St. Michael's, Highclere, and All Saints', Milford-on-Sea, were the first peals of Superlative on the bells. Cambridge in peal form was introduced for the first time at St. Michael's, Southampton, and All Hallows', Whitechurch.

PRESENTATION TO MR. H. R. COBBIN.

The St. Peter's, Nottingham, ringers met on June 22nd to honour their Ringing Master, Mr. H. R. Cobbin, who had completed 40 years as a ringer, and the last 20 years as their leader. The gift was a silver bell inkstand, which bore the inscription, 'To H. R. Cobbin, Esq., Ringing Master. Presented by the ringers of St. Peter's Church, Nottingham, as a mark of esteem and appreciation, and to commemorate 40 years of faithful service. June 22nd, 1937.'

In the name of the company, Mr. J. A. Barratt handed over the gift, alluding to the esteem in which he was held by all, and to the fact that he had completed 40 years as a ringer that very day.

Mr. M. Ward (honorary member) said Mr. Cobbin commanded the respect of all and they hoped he would be spared many years to continue in office. He wished to assure him of their continued loyalty. Mr. R. Narborough, Ringing Master at St. Mary's, expressed the best wishes of St. Mary's ringers and congratulated Mr. Cobbin on the attainment of such a remarkable record.

Mr. Cobbin said the gift would recall many pleasant and happy associations with past and present ringers. 'I have had the maximum amount of pleasure out of ringing,' he declared, 'and especially in this tower.' He greatly appreciated the spirit that prompted the gift. A start was made for a peal of Stedman Caters, but it came to grief owing to the second rope breaking after ten minutes' ringing. A peal of Grandsire was successfully brought round.

RINGERS' WEDDING.

The marriage of Mr. Reginald Bray and Miss Vera Cooper, both members of St. Margaret's Church bellringers, Uxbridge, took place on June 6th. The bridegroom rang his last quarter-peal as a benedict before morning service, those taking part being G. Gutteridge 1, R. Bray 2, Edna Bedford 3, E. Hancock 4, S. Childs 5, G. Blake 6, C. Nichols 7, F. Corke (conductor) 8. The wedding took place in the afternoon and after the ceremony the local ringers 'fired' the bells and rang touches.

LATE NOTICES.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A joint meeting will be held at Ranmore on Saturday, July 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please inform Mr. A. H. Smith, Drakelow, Howard Road, Great Bookham, by July 21st?—A. H. Smith, F. Woodiss, Hon. Secs.

RINGERS visiting Oxford are cordially invited to St. Martin's and All Saints', High Street (8 bells), on Sundays at 10.30 and 6 p.m. Practices on Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m. Also to St. Mary the Virgin, High Street (6 bells) on Sundays at 7.15 p.m.—Foremen: All Saints', W. S. Judge, 54, Tempnar Road, Summertown, Oxford; St. Mary's, A. C. Hall, Pembroke Street, Cowley Road, Oxford.

NOTICES.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Stevington on Saturday, July 10th. Bells ready from 3 p.m. Tea in Church Room at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The summer meeting will be held at Ash on Saturday, July 10th. Bells (8) available from 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Half fare (maximum 2s.) will be paid to members attending this meeting.—B. T. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Summer Festival at Epsom on Saturday, July 10th. Bells (10) of St. Martin's from 3 p.m. Ewell from 7 to 9 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Wyke Regis on Saturday, July 10th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Guild office 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. A large gathering expected. Please advise for tea.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 3, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Staplehurst (8 bells) on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available 2.30. Service at 5. Half fares up to 2s. will be paid to members attending this meeting.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A meeting will be held at Yateley on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows.—Major J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Lea Cottage Yateley, Hants.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Stansted on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 69, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Woodhouse Eaves on July 10th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Kent and Oxford T.B. specially requested.—H. O. Over, Hon. Dis. Sec., 130, Ashburton Road, Hugglescote.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Norton St. Philip on Saturday, July 10th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—E. H. Nash, Hon. Sec., The Talbot, Mells.

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District) AND EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Lingfield (8 bells) on Saturday, July 10th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers are welcome.—W. Claydon and B. Saunders, Hon. Secs.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A special meeting will be held at Crawley on Saturday, July 10th. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m., followed by tea in the Church Hall at 4.30. Bells available at 2.30. Sparsholt bells in the evening.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Meeting at Hendon on Saturday, July 10th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Nearest station, Hendon, on Edgware tube. Cheap tickets from all tube stations. Special Method: Double Stedman Slow Course Minor. Practice at St. Giles', Cripplegate (12 bells) on Wednesday, July 14th, 7.30 p.m. Joint Herts and Middlesex meeting at Monken Hadley on July 24th. —C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4. Tel.: Larkwood 1959.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Leigh, the model village of Kent, with its interesting church, will, on Saturday, July 10th, be the meeting place of many ringers. You must come and join them. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—Alec E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, July 10th. Bells: St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 p.m. in Wade Street School; to fully paid members 9d., to others 1s. 3d. General meeting to follow. — H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Harston on Saturday, July 10th, when the Vicar is extending a hearty invitation to all ringers to try the bells restored and augmented to a ring of six by J. Taylor and Co. The bells will be available from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Annual meeting at Adderbury on Saturday, July 10th. Bells (8). Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Banbury (10), Deddington (6), and by kind permission King's Sutton (8) on the Peterborough border, are available for ringers attending at Adderbury. —E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Annual festival at Gorseinon, Saturday, July 10th. 12-2.30, tower open for ringing; 3, service at St. Catherine's; 4, tea; 4.30, business meeting.—L. T. Havard, 2, Harp Terrace, Brecon.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—This branch meets at Kenninghall on Saturday, July 10th (not 3rd as previously arranged). Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. at the Red Lion, opposite the church, followed by business meeting. Also Quidenham (8 bells), 1 mile distant, 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m., and after meeting.—A. G. Harrison, Hon. Branch Sec., 90, Denmark Street, Diss, Norfolk.

HARSTON, Nr. Cambridge.—Ringers' Day, Saturday next, July 10th. New ring of six by John Taylor and Co.

LADIES GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Handsworth, Sheffield, on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. — Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Great Gaddesden, Saturday, July 10th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Methods to suit all comers.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Monthly meeting will be held at Huyton on Saturday, July 10th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.30. Ringing after tea until 9 p.m.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Ambleside St. Mary's (8 bells) on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available at 2.30. All ringers welcome.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the Sleaford Branch will be held at Ewerby, near Sleaford, on Saturday, July 10th. Bells (10) of St. Andrew's Church will be open from 2.30 p.m. Tea will be served at The Finch-Hatton Arms. Will all those wishing to have tea please notify Mr. H. S. Hinkins, Elmside, 41, The Drove, Sleaford?

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Chorley (St. Mary's R.C.), July 10th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Outstanding subscriptions are now due.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec., 2, Oak Cottages, Coupe's Fold, Clayton-le-Woods, near Chorley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's Church, Bacup, on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available from 6 p.m. All welcome.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—There will be ringing for Sunday evening service at St. Bride's Fleet Street, on July 11th and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on July 25th, commencing at 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcomed. The usual monthly practice at Shoreditch has been cancelled this month only, owing to its proximity to the Bank Holiday week-end.—N. Summerhaves, Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexley Heath.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A combined practice is arranged for Harpenden on Tuesday, July 13th, from 8 to 9.30 p.m. — W. Nash and H. V. Frost.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on July 22nd; St. Andrew's on the 15th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 20th; Southwark Cathedral on the 29th at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival, 1937, will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 17th. Service in Cathedral 11.15 a.m. Preacher: Bishop G. B. Allen, D.D. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30 p.m. Tickets, 2s. each to members, 3s. each to non-members. All applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance, must reach general secretary not later than Wednesday, July 14th, after which date the business will be in the hands of caterers. Further particulars will be given on notices sent to guild towers.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading, Berks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bispham on Saturday, July 17th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea in school 5.30. Business meeting after.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Nailsea on Saturday, July 17th. Bells available 3 p.m. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Wraxall bells also available during the evening.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Abbots Langley, Saturday, July 17th. Tower open from 3.30. Tea at 5.30. Nearest station 1 mile. Bus stop near church. Excellent service from all parts.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. City 4270.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual Festival, Jubilee Service and opening of the augmented peal will be held at Chester Cathedral on Saturday, July 17th. Service at 3.30. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Chester. Tea at 4.30, price 1s. 6d. (tickets obtainable from the branch secretaries before July 15th) and annual meeting at 5.15. — Rev. M. H. Ridgway, Hon. Sec., Tarvin Vicarage, Chester.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The summer meeting will be held at Pinner on Saturday, July 17th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Service in church at 5. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Ringing after tea until 8.45 p.m. Travelling facilities: Metropolitan, Baker Street, etc., direct to Pinner or Bakerloo and L.M.S. Stations to Harrow, thence by 183 bus to Pinner. Please notify me for tea by 14th. All ringers welcome.—N. Summerhayes, Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexley Heath.

JUST A REMINDER.—Book the date for the annual dinner of the Lancashire Association at the County Hall, adjoining the Palace Theatre, Promenade, Blackpool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Flixton, on Saturday, July 17th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Langport on Saturday, July 17th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Huish Episcopi bells will probably be available. Please notify early for tea. — F. Farrant, Martock.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wiston (5 bells) on Sat., July 17th. Usual arrangements. Train to Castle Ashby or York's Easy Saloon from Wollaston 3.30 p.m. Names for tea important by Tuesday previous.—A. Bigley, Hon. Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Gt. Staughton on Saturday, July 17th. Bells available 3. Tea at 5 p.m. Service at 6.30. Please come and help to make this meeting a success.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Gt. Staughton, St. Neots.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Coalbrookdale on Saturday, July 17th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, followed by meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me as soon as possible.—H. G. Thomas, Hildon, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Harlington on Saturday, July 17th. Bells (6) from 3.30 and after tea. Tea, 5.15 p.m., in Church Hall. Buses 95 and 98 from Hayes and Hounslow pass the church.—F. W. Goodfellow, Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday, July 17th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers and their friends will be welcome. A good company is requested. Please come and have a ring at one of the prettiest churches in England.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Hedon on Saturday, July 17th. The fine peal of 8 (tenor 17 cwt.) will be available from 2.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at the Queen's Head Hotel, 1s. 6d. each. Please notify Mr. R. H. Viger, Sherburn-in-Elmet. Come to the King of the Holderness.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—A mid-quarterly meeting will be held at Hallaton (6 bells) on July 17th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Will all requiring tea please notify Mr. R. Russell, Hallaton, not later than July 15th?—H. W. Perkins, Dis. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry and Guilsborough Branches.—A special joint meeting will be held at Whilton (6) on Saturday, July 17th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Fircroft, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting of Southampton district at Lockerley on July 17th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea by July 14th.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Whittington-in-Lonsdale on Saturday, July 17th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Tea free to all who notify the Rev. J. Hodgkin, The Rectory, Whittington-in-Lonsdale, via Carnforth, before Wednesday, July 14th. Tea at 4.15 p.m. Meeting in the Rectory at 5 p.m. A hearty invitation is extended to all members and friends. Subscriptions are due at this meeting.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Blagdon on Saturday, July 17th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—H. Minifie, Hon. Sec., Royston, Uphill, Weston-super-Mare.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The cup contest will be held at Dronfield Church on Saturday, July 17th. Draw 2.30 p.m. For tea please notify Mr. B. Marples, Green Dragon, Church Street, Dronfield. Ringing for all after contest. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronan's Road, Sheffield 7.

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Grimsby district will be held at Burton-on-Stather on Saturday, July 17th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., in the Parish Hall at a moderate charge. Now, please advise if you require tea, Mr. J. Bray, Trentwood, Flixborough Road, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe, by the Wednesday previous. It's time well spent, if name you have sent. So come.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Staughton on Saturday, July 17th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. Please come and help to make meeting a success.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Wadenhoe, near Aldwincle, on Saturday, July 17th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify me by July 13th.—W. J. Whitmore, Soc, High Street, Raunds, Northants.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Chiswick, on Saturday, July 17th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. at Parish Hall, followed by further ringing until 8 p.m. Nearest station, Turnham Green Underground and straight down Devonshire Road. It's a pleasant spot, close to the river, so let's have a good attendance.—A. P. Cannon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 118, Sarsfeld Road, Balham, S.W.12.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Evening meeting at Sevenhampton on Monday, July 19th. Bells (6) available from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.—W. B. Kynaston, Branch Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meetings for July: Service ringing, Bow, Cheapside, July 25th, 5.30 p.m. Practices: St. Clement Danes', July 19th, at 7.30 p.m.; Lambeth, July 27th, at 8 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Gen. Sec.

THE WILLIAM PYE MEMORIAL.—A memorial peal tablet, recording the 7392 Cambridge Surprise Maximus, will be unveiled and dedicated on Tuesday, July 20th, at St. Mary-le-Bow Church, Cheapside, at 7.30 p.m.—C. T. Coles and E. J. Butler, Hon. Secs.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Six bell prize contest will be held at Almondbury on Saturday, July 24th. Entries and applications for teas to be in my hands July 17th. Entrance fee: 7s 6d. per band.—Fred Hodgson, 564, Halifax Road, Hightown, Liversedge.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. George's, Beckenham, on Saturday, July 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea (by kind invitation of churchwardens) and business meeting to follow. Tea will be provided only for those notifying me not later than Monday, July 19th. Half fares will be paid to members attending this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Dagenham on Saturday, July 24th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present, advise me not later than Wednesday, July 21st? —E. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Summer Festival at Soham on Saturday, July 24th. Bells (10) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Ely. Tea in Vicarage garden, if fine, price 1s. each.—Kitty Willers, Gen. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

SUFFOLK GUILD AND NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Mildenhall and South Norfolk Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Elveden on Saturday, July 24th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., near tower. All ringers are cordially invited to visit this beauty spot.—R. C. Sharpe and A. G. Harrison, Joint Branch Secs.

MIDDLESEX AND HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting will be held at Monken Hadley, near Barnet, on Saturday, July 24th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. All ringers welcomed. Please advise either of the undersigned by July 21st.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4, W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield, Dis. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 24th, at Tunstall. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea, by kind invitation, and business meeting. In fairness to our hosts, please inform me not later than Tuesday, July 20th.—Stanley J. T. Sherlock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Diocesan Festival at Truro, Aug. 2nd, 2 to 9 p.m. Bells: Cathedral (10), Kenwyn (8), Kea (8), St. Erme (6). Service at Cathedral 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 (free to ringers). Reply to Ringing Master, Pengwedhen, Helford, Helston, before July 19th.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—A souvenir invitation to the 300th dinner on November 6th has been prepared. Copies of this will be sent in due course, together with an admission ticket, to members who apply with remittances (10s. for members, 12s. 6d. for non-members) to any of the following:—Messrs. C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, W. T. Cockerill, E. P. Duffield, E. G. Fenn, T. Groombridge, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, E. H. Lewis, F. M. Mitchell, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, L. B. Porter, W. Roughton, A. Walker, J. A. Waugh, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young. Members are reminded that seating accommodation at the Cannon Street Hotel is limited to 400.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

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