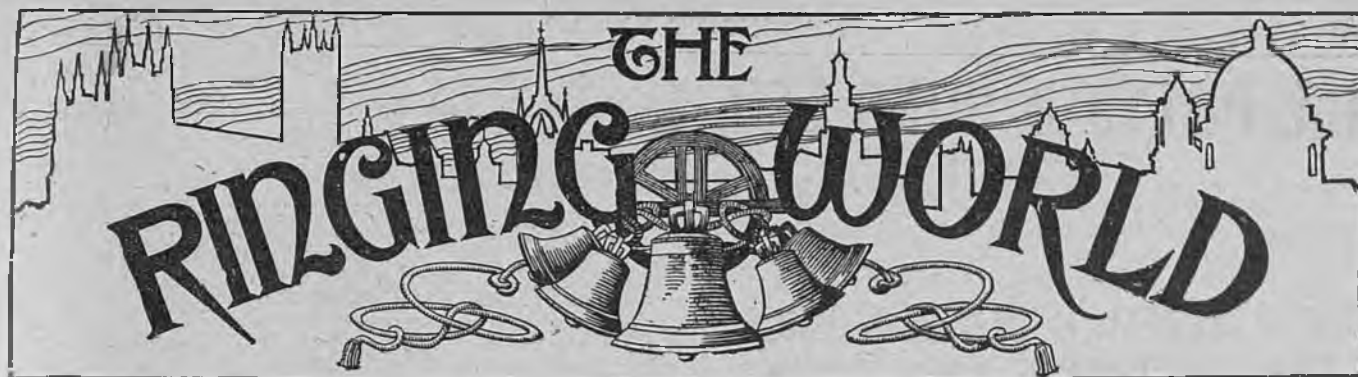




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The congratulations offered to the band who recently rang the spliced peal of Minor in seventy-three methods are well deserved. The rapid manner in which they have added to the record in this type of ringing marks them as exponents of exceptional ability and enterprise. When, some few years ago, the Norbury men packed thirty-five methods into seven extents it was felt that the human factor in ringing had almost reached its zenith, but this other Cheshire band have gone on to achieve a peal with more than twice as many methods and they have now accomplished a performance which presumably will stand as a record in its class for all time, for the peal is believed to be the limit in the number of Treble Bob methods that can be included in seven true extents. That, in itself, marks a new stage in ringing. A peal with more methods within the bounds of seven 720's is possible, but the extents have to include plain and alliance methods, and some day, perhaps, we shall be able to chronicle such a performance, but the Cheshire men will hold the indisputable laurels of being the first to ring a peal that goes to the Treble Bob limit.

Once more we feel we must point the moral. This latest achievement again visualises the vast field which lies before the six-bell ringers. Time was when a peal in seven different Minor methods was the limit of aspiration, and also it was seldom that anything less than this was recorded as a peal—or even attempted. Then came the stage when the standard drifted backward and seven 720's, all in one method, became a common practice and still remains the maximum performance of many ringers. As we have often pointed out, such a peal may be justified in exceptional circumstances, but we cannot believe that all the one-method peals that are rung are compelled by the exigencies of the case. In recent years there has been a compensating set off to this lower standard, by the introduction of spliced ringing; and it is the one gratifying feature in what has become a gradual 'cheapening' of Minor peal standards. Performances such as this latest achievement of the Cheshire men come as a welcome refresher. Not every band can hope to attain the heights which they have reached, but the whole field is open to others as it was to them. There is an old saying that if you aim at the sky you may reach the top of the trees. With the example before them of this peal in seventy-three methods, few six-bell ringers ought to be content with stagnating in one method. Recent articles in our 'Beginners' column have shown how an advance from method to method may be achieved with just a little study and application, and we hope those bands who have been content to stand still will

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## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

MANCHESTER.

THE NATIONAL POLICE GUILD.

On Saturday, July 3, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At THE TOWN HALL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5037 CHANGES;

Tenor 43 cwt.

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| P.C. DONALD BROWN ... Treble  | *P.C. JOHN CARTER ... 7       |
| Ex-SGT. WILLIAM DOWDING 2     | Ex-P.C. FREDERICK PAGE 8      |
| *P.C. WILLIAM ROBINSON... 3   | *P.C. PETER CROOK, JUN. ... 9 |
| *INSPT. HAROLD J. POOLE ... 4 | SUPT. FREDK. R. WILLIAMS 10   |
| P.C. WILLIAM PYE ... 5        | *P.C. RICHARD BENSON ... 11   |
| *SGT. HAROLD G. JENNEY ... 6  | *P.C. EDWIN BIRKETT... Tenor  |

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by Ex-P.C. FREDERICK PAGE  
\* First peal of Grandsire Cinques. The first peal rung on the bells,  
which have recently been recast by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., Lough-  
borough.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 3, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

|                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| CHARLES F. SAYER ... Treble | † GODFREY G. WALPOLE ... 6 |
| JOHN G. W. HARWOOD ... 2    | ARTHUR G. KING ... 7       |
| EDWIN R. GOATE ... 3        | † GARNHAM BLAXCELL ... 8   |
| *STANLEY W. GALL ... 4      | R. WILLIAM BARBER ... 9    |
| ROBERT TOOLEY... 5          | *DONALD A. LONG ... Tenor  |

Composed by WM. WILLSON. Conducted by E. R. GOATE.  
\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal in the method.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 3, 1937, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| MISS K. M. BRADFORD ... Treble | ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 6   |
| DEREK M. SHARP ... 2           | JOHN G. NASH ... 7          |
| GEORGE R. PYE ... 3            | THOMAS J. LOCK ... 8        |
| *ERIC B. HARTLEY ... 4         | ERNEST E. HOLMAN ... 9      |
| EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 5         | WILFRED G. WILSON ... Tenor |

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by E. C. S. TURNER  
\* First peal on ten bells.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 3, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

|                           |                                |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| *ROYDON DAVIES ... Treble | AMOS W. CLARK ... 6            |
| CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 2   | WILLIAM RAWLINGS ... 7         |
| *MISS GWENDOLINE KIPPIN 3 | HARRY W. SIMMONS ... 8         |
| ROY A. SIMMONS ... 4      | FRANK E. DARBY ... 9           |
| FRANK E. MITCHELL ... 5   | FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... Tenor |

Composed by G. R. FARDON. Conducted by C. H. KIPPIN.  
\* First peal of Stedman Caters.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, July 3, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

At THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5029 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt. 21 lb.

|                             |                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| GEORGE W. HUGHES ... Treble | *FREDERICK G. HANDLEY ... 6 |
| JAMES GEORGE ... 2          | HOWARD HOWELL ... 7         |
| BERT HORTON ... 3           | BARNABAS G. KEY ... 8       |
| FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 4    | THOMAS J. ELTON ... 9       |
| WILLIAM FISHER ... 5        | HARRY BOSWELL ... Tenor     |

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.  
\* First peal of Stedman Caters and first attempt. Rung for the  
patronal festival and also as a farewell peal to Bishop Kompythorne  
on his leaving the See of Lichfield.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

MILNROW, LANCs.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

|                              |                        |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| *DENNIS HOLLOS... .. Treble  | VERNON SYKES ... .. 5  |
| JOHN MEADOWCROFT, JUN. ... 2 | ALBERT BUCKLEY... .. 6 |
| STEPHEN LLOYD PARRY ... 3    | HAROLD HAMER ... .. 7  |
| OGDEN MOORES ... .. 4        | IVAN KAY ... .. Tenor  |

Composed by J. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HAROLD HAMER.

\* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the gift of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hamer, also a birthday compliment to the father of Mr. S. L. Parry.

WANTAGE, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

|                                 |                               |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *ERNEST A. GREGORY... .. Treble | JOHN NOBES... .. 5            |
| WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 2        | CHARLES J. GARDINER ... 6     |
| FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... .. 3      | W. BERTRAM KYNASTON ... 7     |
| NEIL ALLNATT ... .. 4           | †EDWARD J. WHITE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by WALTER F. JUDGE.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 26, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

On the Stelfox Eight. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

|                               |                                |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| A. JAMES HARRIS ... .. Treble | SHIRLEY BURTON ... .. 5        |
| REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 2    | CYRIL F. HOWITT ... .. 6       |
| SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... .. 3     | PERCY L. HARRISON ... .. 7     |
| KENNETH A. ROE ... .. 4       | *FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by R. F. ELKINGTON.

\* 100th peal of Cambridge.

RUGBY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, June 28, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 25 cwt.

|                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| JOSEPH B. FENTON ... .. Treble | FRANK E. PERVIN ... .. 5   |
| FRANK W. PERRENS ... .. 2      | H. W. F. FRANKLIN ... .. 6 |
| JOSEPH A. FENTON ... .. 3      | ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 7     |
| FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 4      | L. BRAMALL ... .. Tenor    |

Composed by FRANK W. PERRENS.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 29, 1937, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11½ cwt.

|                             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| SYDNEY TAYLOR ... .. Treble | ERNEST CLARK ... .. 5        |
| ARTHUR H. EVERETT ... .. 2  | HARRY BRADLEY ... .. 6       |
| ERNEST J. RUTTER ... .. 3   | REGINALD C. THRIFT ... .. 7  |
| ARTHUR O. HUME ... .. 4     | LESLIE J. CLARK ... .. Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by L. J. CLARK.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to A. O. Hume.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 30, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART, No. 3. Tenor 12 cwt.

|                                |                           |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. Treble | JOSEPH BAILEY ... .. 5    |
| MADRICE SWINFELD ... .. 2      | †GEORGE L. RODEN ... .. 6 |
| JOSEPH W. COTTON ... .. 3      | JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7     |
| *WILLIAM F. WOODWARD ... 4     | †HARRY HART ... .. Tenor  |

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

\* First peal of Triples 'inside.' † First peal. Rung in honour of the patronal festival.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 1, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| E. FRED GOBEY ... .. Treble  | WILLIAM THORNLEY, SEN. ... 5  |
| *KENNETH R. MAKIN ... .. 2   | ROGER D. ST. JOHN SMITH ... 6 |
| WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN. ... 3 | ALEX HUTCHISON ... .. 7       |
| RALPH NARBOROUGH ... .. 4    | FREDERICK A. SALTER ... Tenor |

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH

\* First peal of Bob Major.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 2, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                             |                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| JAMES BENNETT ... .. Treble | JOHN H. CHESMAN ... .. 5    |
| EDWIN BARNETT ... .. 2      | *NORMAN SOMMERHAYES ... 6   |
| *ALAN J. HOPPER ... .. 3    | EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 7   |
| ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... .. 4 | DEREK M. SHARP ... .. Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by D. M. SHARP.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Derek M. Sharp.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 3, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 11½ cwt.

|                             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| SAMUEL WARNE ... .. Treble  | FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 5       |
| CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... .. 2     | ERNEST W. PYE ... .. 6       |
| FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... .. 3 | LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 7     |
| ALBERT WIFFEN ... .. 4      | JOSEPH JENNINGS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 3, 1937, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt.

|                                 |                              |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| *KENNETH W. MAYER ... .. Treble | JOHN WALDEN ... .. 5         |
| *JOHN FREEMAN ... .. 2          | FREDERICK W. STOKES ... .. 6 |
| ROBERT RICHARDSON ... .. 3      | †JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... .. 7  |
| CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 4        | JOHN A. FREEMAN ... .. Tenor |

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of London Major. The conductor's first peal of Major and first peal as conductor on eight bells.

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## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 3, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 28 cwt.

|                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| *STANLEY GRAVESTOCK ... Treble | ROLAND NEWSON ... 5        |
| EDWIN G. BOCK ... 2            | R. THOMAS NEWMAN ... 6     |
| ARTHUR DAY ... 3               | GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... 7   |
| †PERCY TOMPKINS ... 4          | †WILLIAM COLLINS ... Tenor |

Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal. Rung with the clappers half-muffled as a last token of respect to Arthur Castle, a former member of the Baldock band.

## REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 3, 1937, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5048 CHANGES

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

|                              |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| GEORGE W. HOWLETT ... Treble | RUSSELL RICHES ... 5       |
| STANLEY W. COPLING ... 2     | ROBERT D. GUNTON ... 6     |
| FREDERICK W. MUNNINGS ... 3  | CHARLES W. LOOME ... 7     |
| FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... 4    | WILLIAM J. FLATT ... Tenor |

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by CHARLES W. LOOME.

## STEWKLEY, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 3, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

|                                   |                          |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| *CHARLES W. G. GRIFFIN ... Treble | WILLIAM HENLEY ... 5     |
| KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 2        | TONY PRICE ... 6         |
| DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... 3         | HARRY WINGROVE ... 7     |
| REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... 4         | CECIL C. MAYNE ... Tenor |

Conducted by C. C. MAYNE.

\* First peal of Major. First peal of Major on the bells.

## STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 6, 1937, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Mary,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

|                               |                           |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| *WILLIAM E. WATHEN ... Treble | *ROBERT J. STEED ... 5    |
| *FRANK BORLEY ... 2           | *EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... 6 |
| ARTHUR R. WOODARD ... 3       | HARRY D. LISTER ... 7     |
| SEELFORD SPARROW ... 4        | ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by H. D. LISTER.

\* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

## NORWICH.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 7, 1937, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles-on-the-Hill,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

|                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| MISS GWEN TUNNADINE ... Treble | MISS DOROTHY DITCHAM ... 5 |
| *MISS WINIFRED DITCHAM ... 2   | CLIFFORD BIRD ... 6        |
| CEDRIC CURSON ... 3            | NOLAN GOLDEN ... 7         |
| GEORGE MAYERS ... 4            | GEORGE SAYER ... Tenor     |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by G. SAYER.

\* First peal 'inside.' Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

## EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 7, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

|                              |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| NORAH G. WILLIAMS ... Treble | KENNETH FORD ... 5         |
| RAYMOND RYMER ... 2          | *EDWIN H. NASH ... 6       |
| JOSEPH T. DYKE ... 3         | HENRY J. SANGER ... 7      |
| RONALD G. BECK ... 4         | †FREDERICK FIELD ... Tenor |

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD  
(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 3, 1937, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

|                             |                          |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| NELLIE WIGGINTON ... Treble | RICHARD SMITH ... 5      |
| RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 2     | GEORGE LADD ... 6        |
| MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... 3    | JOHN CURRY ... 7         |
| WILLIAM A. RICHARDSON ... 4 | ARTHUR J. FARR ... Tenor |

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. John G. Ames, Ringing Master of the above branch, and Miss E. B. Stocks, of Pinchbeck. Rung on the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson and the birthday of the ringer of the fifth.

## SHILDON, CO. DURHAM.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 3, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. John,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

|                          |                              |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| ALFRED COATES ... Treble | JOHN F. PENTLAND ... 5       |
| JOSEPH WEST ... 2        | ERNEST BURNETT ... 6         |
| *SAMUEL BRYANT ... 3     | ROLAND PARK ... 7            |
| GEORGE W. PEVERELL ... 4 | ROBERT B. ROBINSON ... Tenor |

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Thomas Wick, a member of the Shildon band, who attained his 80th birthday on June 28th.

## BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 7, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. E. BANKES JAMES' EIGHTEEN-PART.

Tenor 28½ cwt.

|                           |                             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *ERIC FLETCHER ... Treble | JOSEPH W. COTTON ... 5      |
| MAURICE SWINFELD ... 2    | FREDERICK G. FRETWELL ... 6 |
| JOSEPH BAILEY ... 3       | JOHN OLDHAM ... 7           |
| JOHN H. SWINFELD ... 4    | GEORGE L. RODEN ... Tenor   |

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

\* First peal.

## LOUGHBOROUGH.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 8, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry,

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

Tenor 6½ cwt.

|                               |                          |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| *GEOFFREY HARRISON ... Treble | CHARLES ALLESTON ... 5   |
| ERNEST MORRIS ... 2           | JOHN SADDINGTON ... 6    |
| JOHN GRUNDY ... 3             | G. RONALD EDWARDS ... 7  |
| LESLIE STEVENS ... 4          | COLIN HARRISON ... Tenor |

Composed by GEO. LEWIS.

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

\* First peal in the method.

## BUSHEY, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 8, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

## A PEAL OF SPLICED PLAIN BOB AND DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

|                             |                                 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| FRANCIS A. SMITH ... Treble | WILLIAM BARTON ... 5            |
| GILBERT E. DEBENHAM ... 2   | EDWIN JENNINGS ... 6            |
| HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 3    | GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... 7        |
| FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 4 | MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

First peal by this association in these two methods spliced and by all the band except the conductor. Rung to welcome the new Rector of Bushey, the Rev. L. S. R. Beckley, M.A.

LAMBETH.—At the Church of St. Mary on June 1st for London County Association practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. Gransbury 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, \*E. J. Hardy 3, \*P. Carter 4, W. Hardy 5, \*M. Meyer 6, T. W. Wyatt 7, †G. Stuckland 8. \* First quarter of Stedman. † First quarter-peal.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

NEATH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

At the Parish Church of St. Thomas,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 lb. in B flat.

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| *WILLIAM J. GEAR ... .. Treble | HARRY BOYCE ... .. 4       |
| †TREVOR M. RODRICK ... .. 2    | ALBERT J. PITMAN ... .. 5  |
| ERNEST STITCH ... .. 3         | GWYN I. LEWIS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

BURTON HASTINGS, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, June 26, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 12 six-scores of Bob Doubles, four callings, and 30 six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, 10 callings. Tenor 6½ cwt.

|                                |                         |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| THOMAS W. THORPE ... .. Treble | WILLIAM THORPE ... .. 3 |
| JOSEPH E. TAYLOR ... .. 2      | JAMES UPTON ... .. 4    |

JOSEPH H. BAILE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. BAILE.

First peal on these bells since their augmentation to five for the Coronation.

STAPLEFORD, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

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

At the Church of St. Helen,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 21 extents of Grandsire (six callings) and 21 of Plain Bob (four callings).

|                         |                            |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| *W. HOULT ... .. Treble | W. THORNLEY, JUN. ... .. 4 |
| *J. APPLEBY ... .. 2    | W. THORNLEY, SEN. ... .. 5 |
| *H. TENNANT ... .. 3    | *G. FISHER ... .. Tenor    |

Conducted by W. THORNLEY, SEN.

\* First peal. First peal of Doubles by all.

TRYALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, June 26, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings.

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| *KENNETH A. HANDLEY ... Treble | †EDWARD LINDLEY ... .. 4     |
| †WILLIAM S. KEY ... .. 2       | BARNABAS G. KEY ... .. 5     |
| †ARCHIBALD CLARKE ... .. 3     | *CYRIL TABERNER ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal.

BURSLEM, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 26, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

|                                |                          |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| *CHARLES BAINBRIDGE ... Treble | *FRANK BOX ... .. 4      |
| ALBERT J. HURD ... .. 2        | ANDREW THOMPSON ... .. 5 |
| FRANK SHOKER ... .. 3          | THOMAS HURD ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by T. HURD.

\* First peal. Rung for the Coronation.

TENBURY WELLS, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being four 720's of Grandsire, two of Canterbury Pleasure and one of Plain Bob, 32 callings. Tenor 10½ cwt.

|                               |                                |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| THOMAS G. BEVAN ... .. Treble | JOHN J. WEBB ... .. 4          |
| WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... .. 2   | JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 5        |
| WILLIAM J. BENIAMS ... .. 3   | CHARLES L. SADLER ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

BELCHAMP ST. PAUL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt.

|                          |                              |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| RALPH BIRD ... .. Treble | REGINALD G. SIMMONDS ... 4   |
| ALEC M. GENERY ... .. 2  | GEORGE R. TOWNES ... .. 5    |
| VICTOR MORLEY ... .. 3   | RONALD SUCKLING ... .. Tenor |

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by R. BIRD.

A birthday compliment to ringers of 3rd and 4th.

BOOTLE, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 28, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At Christ Church,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, one of Oxford Single and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

|                          |                         |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| W. CLEATOR ... .. Treble | E. F. BENNETT ... .. 4  |
| J. MARTIN ... .. 2       | JAMES MCKEE ... .. 5    |
| G. LUNT ... .. 3         | JOHN MCKEE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN MCKEE.

Rung with the bells muffled as a tribute to Mr. D. Lea. First peal on the bells since they were rehung on ball bearings.

MADELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Forty-two six-scores, with ten callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                                |                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| G. ERNEST KETTLE ... .. Treble | KENNETH THACKER ... .. 4       |
| FREDERICK A. FORSTER ... 2     | ANDREW THOMPSON ... .. 5       |
| SIDNEY THOMPSON ... .. 3       | *ALFRED GRIFFITHS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by ANDREW THOMPSON.

\* First peal. Rung in honour of the Coronation.

WALTHAM, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 30, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being one extent each of the following: Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise, and one of combined Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

|                               |                           |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| *CHARLES W. TAYLOR ... Treble | MARTIN WALKER ... .. 4    |
| MRS. J. BRAY ... .. 2         | *ERNEST BRITAIN ... .. 5  |
| JACK BRAY ... .. 3            | GEORGE DOBBS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

\* First peal in eight methods. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

OTLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 3, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Double Court, Oxford Single Bob, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

|                               |                                  |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| OLIVER J. KIDBY ... .. Treble | GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 4          |
| GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 2         | JAMES BENNETT ... .. 5           |
| WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 3     | JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by J. BENNETT.

HITCHAM, Bucks.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, July 3, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in G.

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| GEORGE J. BERRY ... .. Treble | GORDON W. LIMMER ... .. 4   |
| *CYRIL A. BURGESS ... .. 2    | JAMES D. TAYLOR ... .. 5    |
| JOHN E. TAYLOR ... .. 3       | GEORGE GILBERT ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by GRO. GILBERT.

\* First peal in more than three plain methods.

## OAKLEY, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 3, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

|                   |            |                 |       |
|-------------------|------------|-----------------|-------|
| HERBERT L. HARLOW | ... Treble | HENRY W. GAYTON | ... 3 |
| *JOHN HILSON      | ... 2      | BRIAN F. SIMS   | ... 4 |

DONALD COCKINGS ... Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

\* First peal 'inside.'

## WOOLTON HILL, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 3, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob, rung alternately. Tenor 6½ cwt.

|                  |            |                 |           |
|------------------|------------|-----------------|-----------|
| NORMAN RANDALL   | ... Treble | HENRY LAWRENSON | ... 4     |
| GEORGE HESKETH   | ... 2      | JAMES BERRY     | ... 5     |
| GEORFFREY FOWLER | ... 3      | REGINALD W. REX | ... Tenor |

Conducted by REGINALD W. REX.

## CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 3, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of one 720 of Woodbine, two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 6½ cwt.

|               |            |                  |           |
|---------------|------------|------------------|-----------|
| P. L. JOHNSON | ... Treble | G. W. BLOOMFIELD | ... 4     |
| H. C. FORDHAM | ... 2      | A. CATTERWELL    | ... 5     |
| W. GOODSON    | ... 3      | T. E. SLATER     | ... Tenor |

Conducted by A. CATTERWELL.

## ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, July 4, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise, and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

|                |            |                     |           |
|----------------|------------|---------------------|-----------|
| JOHN H. ARBON  | ... Treble | JAMES BENNETT       | ... 4     |
| GEORGE PRYKE   | ... 2      | JAMES BENNETT, JUN. | ... 5     |
| GEORGE BENNETT | ... 3      | GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL | ... Tenor |

Conducted by J. BENNETT.

## STRETTON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 5, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

|                     |            |                     |           |
|---------------------|------------|---------------------|-----------|
| CHARLES SHAW        | ... Treble | HARRY W. HOWARD     | ... 4     |
| CECIL RADDOEN       | ... 2      | STANLEY N. HARRISON | ... 5     |
| REGINALD W. WORRALL | ... 3      | ALBERT CRAWLEY      | ... Tenor |

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

## HANDBELL PEAL.

## STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 7, 1937, in Two Hours and Seven Minutes,

At 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

|                 |         |               |         |
|-----------------|---------|---------------|---------|
| ALFRED BARNES   | ... 1-2 | PETER LAPLIN  | ... 5-6 |
| ALLEN F. BAILEY | ... 3-4 | *HARRY ASHTON | ... 7-8 |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 377). Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Witness—Mrs A. F. Bailey.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Frances M. Lafin. 100th peal as conductor on handbells.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

PUBLOW, SOMERSET.—A quarter-peal of Doubles, consisting of Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire, the first in three methods for all the band, was rung on May 31st: R. J. Lawrence 1, G. Baatz 2, C. S. Knott 3, F. C. Mogford 4, W. G. Brown (conductor) 5, S. S. Woodburn 6.

## PEAL NOTES.

## PERSONALITIES AND PERFORMANCES.

The first peal of Major rung at Leicester Cathedral for more than a century took place on June 26th. The occasion was the wedding of Mr. W. E. Rawson, one of the Cathedral band, and Miss H. Hay. The peal of Minor at Nutfield on Saturday was the first on the bells for 13 years.

Hearty congratulations to Mr. G. Fisher, who has been a ringer at St. Helen's Church, Stapleford, Notts, for nearly 53 years and at the age of 67 has rung his first peal. Three other members of the company were also first pealers, and the occasion was the first peal of Doubles by the band.

Mr. G. W. Limmer, Burnham's popular captain, participated amid members of his own company, with one exception, at Hitcham in a birthday peal on July 3rd.

Youthful memories were recalled by Mr. J. Bennett when he rang peals at Otley and Ashbocking (Suffolk) the other week-end. At Ashbocking he received his introduction to the rudiments of the art of change ringing, and the two peals were arranged specially for his convenience.

Among the last tributes to ringers recorded this week is the muffled peal of Minor at Bootle, Lancs, to the memory of the late Mr. D. Lea, who died about a year ago. This was the first peal on the bells since they were rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Burnand and Day, who are to be complimented on their workmanship.

There were quite a number of 'firsts' connected with the peal of London Surprise Major at Harmston, Lincolnshire, on July 3rd. The conductor, Mr. John Freeman, rang his first peal of Major and first peal as conductor on eight bells. He is the 17-year-old son of the leader of Lincoln Cathedral band and has already called Stedman Cinques.

Will Madeley, Staffordshire, be the last of the Coronation peals? Their peal was scored on June 29th.

Owing to the bad 'go' of the two tenors, a peal of Minor was abandoned at Tenbury Wells, Worcestershire, and a fresh start made with a peal of Doubles, which proved successful.

Beddington ringers were hustling on July 3rd, when a peal of Stedman Caters was brought round in 2 hours and 55 minutes. This is the quickest peal of Caters on the bells, the tenor of which weighs 18½ cwt.

Meeting short for Cinques, a peal of Stedman Caters was rung at the Collegiate Church of St. Peter, Wolverhampton, on July 3rd. Mr. H. Knight generously stood down.

Mr. William J. Platt by a peal on July 3rd completed his circle of the tower of Redenhall, Norfolk.

Mr. Joseph Bailey, the well-known Midland Counties ringer, completed his 250 peals on June 30th with a peal of Grandsire Triples at Netherseale, Derbyshire.

The peal of Cambridge Major at St. Andrew's, Rugby, on June 28th, was the first in the method on the bells.

The interesting records of the Hertford County Association have been added to by a peal of Spiced Plain Bob and Double Norwich Major rung at Bushey on July 8th.

The consistent efforts and success of the handbell band at Stockport, Cheshire, is well marked by the fact that on July 7th a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was called by Mr. Allen F. Bailey and was his one hundredth peal 'in hand' as conductor.

The statement that the peal of Superlative at Highclere on June 22nd was the first on the bells is not correct. On November 22nd, 1930, a peal of Superlative was rung at Highclere for the Royal Cumberland Youths conducted by Mr. G. Williams. Several correspondents have pointed this out.

Similarly a peal of Superlative had been previously rung at Milford-on-Sea, curiously enough on the Saturday following the first at Highclere.

The first peal on the new bells at Manchester Town Hall was rung by the National Police Guild on July 3rd.

Members of the Manchester Police Force are responsible for the official ringing at the Town Hall, and it was only fitting that a band of policemen should score the first peal on the new twelve. The ringers included a superintendent, an inspector, a sergeant, six P.C.'s, an ex-sergeant and an ex-constable, and Leicester, Birmingham and Bolton were represented in the band, as well as Manchester.

Three first peals and two first peals 'inside' was the splendid achievement in a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Trysall, Staffs. Congratulations to Conductor B. G. Key! The peal was also a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Clarke.

The five oldest Wolvey ringers rang the first peal on the bells of Burton Hastings, Warwickshire, on June 26th. The peal was a compliment to Mr. J. P. Toone, of High Cross, grandfather of the conductor (Mr. Joseph H. Beale), and father of Mr. P. Toone, churchwarden of Wolvey.

## A HALF-PEAL.

On Tuesday, May 25th, at Guisborough Parish Church, 2,520 Bob Minor in 1 hour 28 minutes: W. Smith 1, G. Husband 2, J. Drury 3, E. Potter 4, B. Pybus 5, J. Read (conductor) 6. Rung after commencing a peal, which unfortunately broke down.

### BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL MEETING AT BATH.

Some seventy members and visitors attended the annual meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association at Bath on July 3rd. The Guild service was held at St. Mark's Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. Dann), who gave a helpful address. Tea and business meeting followed in the St. Mark's Church House, where the Master, the Rev. W. M. K. Warren, supported by the Rev. Preb. D. M. Ross, took the chair.

After the routine business had been disposed of, Mr. James Hunt gave an account of the Central Council meeting, and made some trenchant remarks in regard to the circulation of 'The Ringing World' and to the Towers and Belfries Committee of the Central Council.

Arising out of the former matter, various suggestions were brought forward, but, as was aptly remarked at one of those informal discussions which take place near churches after ringing, it was a case of preaching to the converted. If only those who do not attend meetings could be persuaded to take the paper, there would be no complaint.

Mr. Prescott (Bath) and Mr. Farley (Stourbridge) contributed to the discussion during the meeting.

In regard to the Towers and Belfries Committee, Mr. Starr (Swainswick) instanced the case of a badly designed frame which had long outlived its usefulness and which had been condemned by four authorities, being preserved by patchwork. The original estimate had been far exceeded and they still had the badly arranged frame of doubtful timbers.

It was proposed by Mr. Hunt that the association print an annual obituary list, but the motion failed to find sufficient support.

New members, in the persons of Mr. A. P. Cannon, Mr. R. G. Cross and Mr. M. Clark, were elected.

The recommendation of the committee that quarterly meetings be held at Bridgwater, Long Ashton and Crewkerne was adopted.

Elections of officers caused no change, and the Rev. W. M. K. Warren as Master, Mr. J. T. Dyke as hon. treasurer, and Mr. D. G. Taylor as hon. auditor were re-elected.

An omnibus vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. W. A. Osborn (North Cadbury) to all who had made the meeting a success, viz., the Rev. A. Dann, the Ven. the Archdeacon of Bath, the Rev. G. G. Hickman, Messrs. Th. Grant, Selley, T. F. King and W. G. Brown, the organist and the ladies who provided tea. This was carried with acclamation.

Ringing, ranging up to Treble Bob Royal, London Surprise Major and various Minor methods, took place at Bath Abbey, Twerton and St. Mark's.

### ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

#### VISIT TO THE 'VILLAGE' OF SOLIHULL.

The summer quarterly meeting of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at Solihull on Saturday, July 3rd. This delightful Warwickshire 'village' (with a population of some 19,000), situated about seven miles from Birmingham, although rapidly becoming modernised, still retains many of its old rural aspects. Its fine Norman church, now almost completely restored, is well worth a visit, while the peal of ten bells are a pleasure to ring. The bells were raised at 3.30, but at 4 o'clock a break was made whilst a village couple were married. The ringers entered into the spirit of the event and gave the happy couple a wedding peal as they left the church.

Tea was partaken of in the gardens of Dascombe's Cafe, and a short business meeting followed, Mr. Councillor Padden Smith being in the chair. Apologies for absence were read from the Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, who was away in Edinburgh, and Mr. W. O. Dowding.

A letter of appreciation and thanks was read by the secretary from the Vicar of Oldbury, acknowledging the donation of £3 5s. towards the restoration fund of Oldbury Parish Church bells. Attention was also called to the cheap editions of Mr. Ernest Morris' works.

The tower elections of Mr. Percy G. Rainey, of Aston, and Mr. C. H. Webb, of Coventry, were duly ratified, the former being congratulated on ringing his first peal of Grandsire Cinques for the Coronation.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Coleshill, on the first Saturday in October. Arrangements for the bi-quarterly meeting were left in the hands of the Ringing Master.

The Chairman gave an interesting resume of the proceedings at the Central Council meeting at Canterbury, and recommended all ringers to read the full report appearing in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. W. Griffin, of Walsall, referring to the dedication of the new peal of bells at the Cathedral and the broadcasting in connection with it, said he would like to congratulate the Guild and the ringers who took part on the excellence of the striking. It was a real pleasure to listen to.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Roland Bragg for making the local arrangements concluded the business, and a return was made to the tower, where further ringing was enjoyed.

### BEGINNING YOUNG.

J. G. Davidson, aged eleven, of Mitcham, Surrey, rang his first quarter-peal on Sunday, July 11th, for evensong. This was 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. G. Davidson 1, W. S. Smith 2, W. H. Joiner 3, H. Tourle 4, R. Charge 5, C. Potheary (conductor) 6, C. W. R. Grimwood 7, W. Sparkes 8.

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## BELFERY GOSSIP.

A Bristol paper last week recorded what it truly described as a 'fine feat of ringing at Burrington'—if it had been correct. 'Burrington ringers,' it said, 'gave a special quarter-peal Grandshire Doubles at Burrington Parish Church on Sunday. The peal, comprising 95,040 changes, was rung in 40 minutes.' The black is ours.

Latest to the ranks of octogenarian ringers is Mr. Thomas Wick, of Shildon, Durham, who was admitted to this select circle on June 28th. A complimentary peal to him was rung five days later.

Mr. William Dudley has just completed 50 years' service as a ringer at Prittwell, Essex, and a peal of Cambridge Surprise in his honour was rung on Saturday. The veteran took part and rang the treble.

Mr. Kenneth Lewis, who conducted the peal of Minor in 73 methods, rang his first peal of Grandshire Triples on Saturday. This will seem upside down to ringers of the old school.

There is to be a two days' ringing tour by motor in Herts and Essex on July 24th and 25th. There are a few vacant seats. See notice columns.

## THE COLLEGE YOUTHS' TERCENTENARY.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—May I, through your columns, bring to the attention of country members of the Ancient Society of College Youths the suggestion that they should in their several districts arrange for bands to ring at least one peal for the society during the current year? The most appropriate days for such peals would naturally be November 5th or 6th, though these dates may not be convenient for such members as intend to come to London for the annual feast.

It would be desirable that notice should be given beforehand of the reason for peals so arranged through the local Press, the Parish Magazine or otherwise.

EDWIN H. LEWIS, Master.

Brasted, Kent.

## MR. EDWARD WHITBREAD.

### DEATH OF FORMER RINGER AT ST. ALBANS ABBEY.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Edward Whitbread, who passed away at the age of 69 on June 26th at the Royal Bucks Hospital, Aylesbury. Mr. Whitbread will perhaps be best remembered as a prominent figure in Hertfordshire ringing circles in the years prior to the war.

He commenced his ringing career as a young man at his birthplace, Hanslope, Bucks, and in 1899 he became a member of the St. Albans Cathedral Society, of which he was conductor for many years. A member of the Ancient Society of College Youths since 1900, his name is to be seen on peal boards in many counties.

Since 1924 Mr. Whitbread lived at Stoke Mandeville, near Aylesbury, where for a time he took an active part in local ringing affairs. In recent years he was content to keep in touch with things through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' but his keen interest remained until the end.

The bells of St. Mary's Church, Stoke Mandeville, were rung half-muffled by his friends in the local band.

## 50 YEARS A RINGER.

### PRESENTATION TO VETERAN PRITTEWELL RINGER.

A gold medallion fashioned in the shape of a circlet, enclosing a bell inscribed 'The Essex Association of Change Ringers—The Parish Church of Prittwell—Presented to William Dudley after 50 years' service, June 28th, 1937,' has been presented to Mr. William Dudley, who has completed 50 years as a change ringer. The presentation was made by the Vicar (Canon E. N. Gowing) in the presence of the ringers and members of the Parochial Council. After the presentation the bells were fired and Queen's and Tittums were rung.

Mr. Dudley was for some years secretary of the tower. He has rung 100 peals, 52 of which were rung in his own tower. His list of peals is of interest: Cambridge Royal 1, Oxford Treble Bob Royal 1, Kent Treble Bob Royal 7, Granta Royal 1, Oxford and Kent Royal 1, Stedman Caters 2, Grandshire Caters 5, Bob Royal 4, Cambridge Major 2, Superlative Major 2, Oxford Treble Bob Major 6, Kent Treble Bob Major 21, Bob Major 20, Bob Triples 1, Stedman Triples 3, Grandshire Triples 8, Double Norwich 13, Minor peals 2, total 100.

## ADMIRATION OF THE EXERCISE.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—I would very much like to be allowed to endorse all the remarks of your correspondent under the above heading which appeared in your last issue concerning the band who rang the spliced peal of Minor at Fairfield, Buxton. Having had the privilege of ringing in several peals (not spliced) with this wonderful band, I would add that their activities are not confined to six-bell ringing. They are equally as capable on eight, ten or twelve bells; their versatility is really amazing.

It is not my intention here to laud any particular member of this band, but to extend my hearty appreciation to the lot of them. That they may have 'more power to their elbows' is the wish of

JOHN E. WHEELDON.

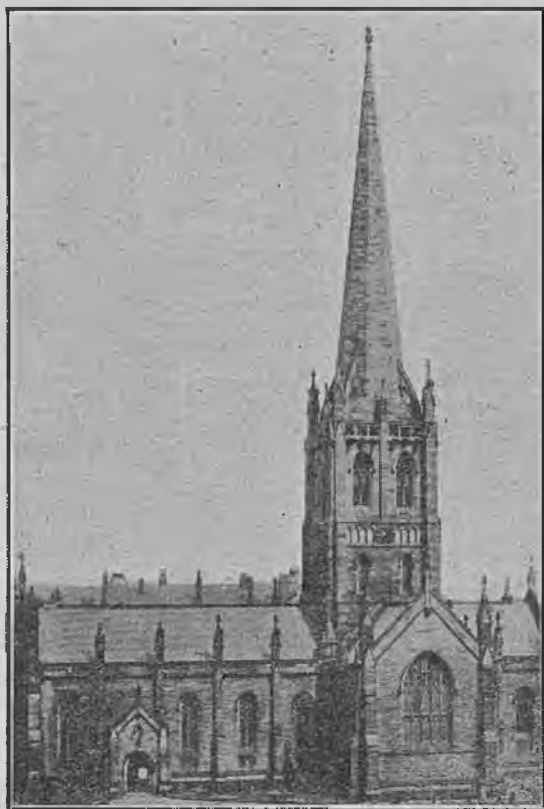
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## 'BUSMAN'S HOLIDAYS.'

### SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL COMPANY'S OUTING.

On Saturday, June 26th, the Sheffield Cathedral company, with a few invited friends, had their annual outing when they visited Selby Abbey, Howden and Goole. Travelling by motor-bus, Selby Abbey was reached at 3 p.m., where the party were met by their old friend, Mr. F. Cryer, and Mr. H. S. Morley, the genial secretary for the Eastern Division of the Yorkshire Association. The bells were raised in peal and some good touches of Forward Royal and Stedman Caters duly brought round. As time did not permit of a lengthy stay, the bells were lowered and thanks tendered to Messrs. Cryer and Morley.

On reaching Howden, some ten miles away, the visitors were met by the secretary, Mr. J. W. Thompson, and several of the local ringers,



GOOLE PARISH CHURCH.

who kindly had everything ready. More touches of Forward and Stedman were the order on this lovely peal of eight (tenor 23 cwt.), and it was with reluctance that the visitors were compelled to leave them in order to comply with the programme. The bells are a beautiful peal and certainly rank as one of the finest toned and best going in the North. They are a real delight to the ringer with a musical ear.

A short run of four miles via Boothferry Bridge brought the party to Goole, where tea was enjoyed at Messrs. Hockforth's Cafe. Steps were then immediately turned to the tower, where an old friend in Mr. Joe Drake and others were waiting to receive the visitors. Here again Forward and Stedman were indulged in on the light peal of eight for about an hour, when the bells were lowered in peal, everyone being satisfied.

By the kindness of Mr. Drake, who acted as guide, an enjoyable hour was spent in looking round the docks and shipping before making the return journey, which was completed by 11 p.m.

Thus ended a most enjoyable and ideal half-day's outing, and warmest thanks are tendered to all the Vicars for the use of their bells and to the ringers concerned for having everything in readiness.

Readers will probably notice that only two methods were rung throughout the trip. These were not the full repertoire of the company, but specially chosen as the best to hear the tenors in and out in short touches for the ringers' own satisfaction, also with a view to good striking, and thus avoiding that tendency to bad rhythm when a number of more complicated methods are attempted on strange bells.

S. F. P.

## BURTON-ON-TRENT DISTRICT'S 'OVERFLOW.'

So popular has the Burton District annual outing become that the usual 20-seater coach was found to be totally inadequate for the excursion on Saturday, July 10th, and two cars had to be used to convey the 'overflow.'

The first call was Hoar Cross, and here the heavy peal was soon ringing out to a touch of Bob Minor, followed by Kent Treble Bob and some Grandsire Doubles for the learners, while the rest of the party looked round this beautiful church.

The journey was continued via Sudbury and Cubley to Ashbourne, where 40 sat down to tea at the Corner Cafe.

This was followed by an hour's ringing on the Parish Church bells. The long draught of rope (70ft.) made them difficult to handle, and as a result the ringing was not all that could be desired.

The final halt was made at Rochester, where touches of Grandsire Triples, Doubles and Bob Major were rung on a handy peal of eight.

The homeward journey was made via Sudbury and Tutbury, Burton being reached after a most enjoyable afternoon.

The party wish to thank all incumbents for the use of the bells, and Mr. Bull (Ashbourne) and Mr. Bullock (Rochester) for other arrangements made on their behalf.

## SUNDERLAND RINGERS VISIT NORTH YORKSHIRE.

The quaint old seaside resort of Whitby, and the beautiful moorland village of Pickering were selected for the annual outing this year of the ringers of St. Ignatius', Sunderland, and the choice proved to be a very happy one, resulting in one of the most enjoyable of the society's many outings. So many friends wished to accompany the party that the Vicar's motor-car had to be requisitioned in addition to the fine 32-seater saloon bus.

Leaving Sunderland shortly after 8.30, a stop was made at the beautiful village of Ormesby, where Mr. Thomas Metcalfe, president of the Cleveland Association, joined the excursionists, and touches of Stedman and Cambridge were rung on the very fine bells.

A further stop was made at Guisborough, and then a lovely run over the Yorkshire Moors led to Whitby. Dinner awaited the party, and the remainder of the afternoon was spent by the non-ringers in examining both the ancient and the modern parts of this interesting little town, while the ringers and a few stalwarts climbed the 199 steps of the tower of the ancient Parish Church of St. Mary, which has a good peal of ten bells. Stedman Caters was attempted, but as the majority had little experience in ten-bell ringing, the result, at any rate from the ringers' point of view, was not very satisfactory.

A move was next made towards Pickering, through Ruswarp and Sleights, and up the famous Blue Bank amid lovely moorland scenery.

Arriving at the destination, it was found that the caterers had had to arrange for the use of the Wesleyan Schoolroom for tea for the large party. Full justice was done to the meal, and a very happy hour was spent in listening to a message from the late Vicar of St. Ignatius', now Bishop of New Guinea; a cheery speech from Canon E. Sykes, another former Vicar now in retirement at Ripon, and also from Mr. Harry Blakey, a member of the Guild who emigrated to Canada with his family 25 years ago and is now on a short visit to the old country. A cablegram was afterwards sent to the Bishop of New Guinea conveying greetings to him.

The visitors would have liked to spend a much longer time in this lovely village, but they had to leave for home, via Helmsley and Stokesley, at 7 p.m., and a tired but very happy party arrived in Sunderland shortly after 10.30 p.m.

## PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

### DAVENTRY BRANCH OUTING.

Members of the Daventry Branch and their friends, together with several ringers from the Guilsborough Branch, enjoyed a pleasant afternoon's outing on June 12th. The first stop was at West Haddon, with a peal of five bells, where they were met and welcomed by the Vicar, the Rev. A. C. Hooper. From there to Welford, where they were joined by the local secretary, Mr. G. Hollick, and others. Here Grandsire Triples were rung on a nice peal of eight with a tenor of 12½ cwt. The Vicar (the Rev. F. C. Woodhouse) looked in for a short time.

At Kibworth Beauchamp a number of the parochial ringers awaited the visitors, and joined in touches in various methods on a fine ring of eight, with a tenor apparently far more than its recorded weight of 10½ cwt. At tea the thanks of the party were offered to Mr. Martin, who had gone to much trouble in making the arrangements.

After tea a hasty return was made to the tower by a few enthusiastic Major ringers, but half-way through the first touch the treble rope broke—possibly a judgment for having overstepped the time limit. A stop was next made at the old church of Foxton, where the Vicar (the Rev. W. E. Cary) explained some of the interesting features of his church. The six bells seemed rather overdone with the weight of their ropes. At Maidwell was found a very nice ring of six, and some good touches of Minor, including Cambridge, and Doubles were brought round. The last call was at Hazellieach, a tiny village with a ring of eight bells and a beautifully kept churchyard. A tired but happy bus load parted company at Daventry just before 10 p.m., full of enthusiasm for another outing next year.

(Reports of other Outings will appear in due course).

## A YORKSHIRE RINGING CONTEST.

### LIVERSEDGE WIN BARNESLEY SHIELD COMPETITION.

There were nine entries for the annual shield contest of the Barnesley and District Society, held at Cawthorne on Saturday, July 10th. The teams rang in the following order: 1 Liversedge; 2 Sandal 'B'; 3 Holmfirth; 4 Shelly; 5 Wath; 6 Sandal 'A'; 7 Felkirk; 8 Friezland; 9 New Mill. Ringing commenced at about 3 o'clock, and Mr. J. R. Brearley, of Bolsterstone, and Mr. W. Idle, of Dewsbury, acted as judges, with Mr. C. Robinson, of Cawthorne, as marker. Later tea was served in the Spencer Arms, a company of about 80 sitting down. After the usual routine business had been disposed of, the judges gave their decision as follows: Liversedge, 30 faults; Sandal 'B', 229 faults; Holmfirth, 66 faults, 10 penalties, rung out; Shelly, 131 faults; Wath, 154 faults, 5 penalties; Sandal 'A', 106 faults, 5 penalties; Felkirk, 165 faults; Friezland, 53 faults, 10 penalties; New Mill, 81 faults.

Liversedge, therefore, became the holders of the shield and winners of six cases of fruit spoons. Friezland took second prizes, consisting of six cases of carvers, and New Mill third prizes, comprising six rose bowls.

The prizes were presented by Mrs. Jarman, of Cawthorne, who also offered a few comforting words to those who had not been successful. The usual vote of thanks concluded the proceedings.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

### SUCCESSFUL GENERAL MEETING AT BOLSOVER.

A quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held at Bolsover, Derbyshire, on June 19th, when in the splendidly kept belfry the bells were kept going to various standard and Surprise methods by a good company of members and friends from Burton, Derby, Chesterfield, Hinckley, Leicester, Loughborough, Nottingham and elsewhere.

The general meeting took place after tea, presided over by Mr. E. Denison Taylor (president), supported by the Rev. Canon J. E. Paget (Vicar), Mr. W. E. White (treasurer) and Mr. Ernest Morris (general hon. secretary). The president, in his own inimitable way, gave a review of the past quarter's peals and other items of the association's activities. He specially commented on the Coronation peals rung, noting in particular the first peal of Stedman Cinques on the newly-restored and augmented bells of Leicester Cathedral; also the excellent performance of the Wigston Magna band on their spliced peal of Major in seven Surprise methods. He thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his presence at their meeting, and Mr. Flint for the arrangements made.

The Rev. Canon Paget, responding, said how pleased he was to welcome the association to Bolsover. He added that all would be delighted to see their leader, Mr. John Flint, amongst them again restored to health after a trying illness, and trusted he would long remain to keep up interest in the art at Bolsover.

Referring to the Central Council meeting at Canterbury, both Mr. J. H. Swinfield and Mr. A. J. Harris said that after the excellent reports in 'The Ringing World' they could add very little comment. However, both gave very interesting reviews of various items raised at that meeting.

New members, proposed since the last meeting, viz., 18 ringing, 3 honorary, 5 rejoins, 1 life, were duly elected.

This concluded a successful meeting and further ringing terminated a good afternoon's enjoyment.

The next quarterly meeting will be at Burbage, near Hinckley, in September.

## NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

### SEVEN FIRST PEAL CERTIFICATES PRESENTED.

A meeting of the North Staffordshire Association was held at Draycott on July 3rd. Twenty-nine members and friends were present from Burslem, Brown Edge, Braintree, Cheadle, Draycott, Kingsley, Longton, Norton, Newcastle and Stoke-on-Trent.

A service was held, which was conducted by the Rev. C. Codling (Rector of Draycott). At the commencement of the service all present stood in silence for a minute in memory of those who had been killed in the mine disaster at Newcastle-under-Lyme. Tea was held in the schoolroom, where a hearty welcome was extended to all by the Rector.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. C. Steele, of Longton, seconded by Mr. G. Hall, of Brown Edge, to the Rector and ringers for the use of the bells and the very warm welcome extended to them.

Seven first peal certificates were presented to ringers of Draycott, Longton and Burslem by the Rector of Draycott. One new member, Mr. A. Griffiths, of Newcastle, was brought forward for confirmation, as he was proposed prior to a peal.

A short report was read by Mr. J. E. Wheeldon on Coronation peals rung for the association, which number ten, and the one rung at Norton was the earliest peal on record for the association; the starting time was 6.30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 12th.

Two of the peals were rung at unaffiliated towers, being Keele and Madeley, and both were rung by the ringers of Newcastle-under-Lyme.

## GUILDFORD GUILD FESTIVAL.

### SUMMER GATHERING AT EPSOM.

The summer festival of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Epsom on Saturday and was attended by nearly sixty ringers representing all the districts of the Guild. The ten bells of St. Martin's—the parish church—were fully employed during the afternoon and evening, but the ringing did not reach a consistently high standard. However, everyone enjoyed a pull and spent a very pleasant time.

The Guild's service was conducted by the curate (the Rev. J. H. McKitterick) in the absence of the Vicar (Canon Muir), who was away on holidays, and the singing was led by the choirboys.

Afterwards tea was partaken of in the Church House, the catering being very efficiently done by ladies of the congregation.

The thanks of the Guild to all concerned were voiced by the hon. secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith), who also extended a warm welcome to the visitors, who included Mr. H. H. Fearn, of Birmingham, and Mr. E. F. Pike, of London.

Before the ringers returned to the tower they were entertained by the Misses S. and G. Harman to pianoforte and violin duets; the Cobham men rang tunes on handbells, while Stedman Triples 'in hand' was also rung. Later several of the company visited the neighbouring tower of Ewell.

The back eight of the peal at Epsom are a mixed eighteenth century lot, two of them by Phelps, 1714, being the oldest. Thomas Janaway, of Chelsea, recast the original treble in 1781 and put on it the inscription, 'Musica est mentis medicina' (Music is medicine for the mind). The old second, undated, bears the couplet, 'Although I am but small, I will be heard above them all.' Samuel Knight recast the third and tenor in 1737, Richard Phelps the seventh in 1733, and Thomas Swain the sixth in 1769.

### STRAWBERRY TEA AT FRENESHAM.

The strawberry and cream teas provided by Mrs. Collingwood Bruce, president of the Southern Branch of the Ladies' Guild, are well known among ringers. A company of 73 enjoyed her hospitality at a joint meeting of the Ladies' Guild and Farnham Branch of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Frenesham on June 26th. She was heartily thanked for her hospitality by Mr. C. W. Denyer, and, in responding, Mrs. Bruce invited everyone to come again next year, when they would have 'one more strawberry all round.'

Mrs. Bruce afterwards presided at the 18th annual meeting for the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild. The Guild welcomed Mrs. Welton back as a member after a few years' absence. Mrs. Bruce was unanimously re-elected vice-president and again heartily thanked for all she had done for the Guild. The secretary and committee were all re-elected. It was decided to hold the next annual meeting in conjunction with the most convenient Guildford diocesan district meeting.

Eleven towers were represented, viz.: Ash, Seale, Bagshot, Farnham, Aldershot, Bramley (Hants), Crondall, Blackmoor, Cranleigh, Overton and Frenesham.

The service in the afternoon was fully choral and was conducted by the Rev. W. E. Palling. The Farnham District also held a short business meeting and elected Mr. E. Overington, of Frenesham, a member. Ringing was supervised by Miss H. F. Mills (hon. secretary of the Ladies' Guild).

## THREE GUILDS MEET.

### TRIPLE GATHERING AT NEWARK.

The Ladies' Guild, Sherwood Youths and North Notts Association combined for the afternoon of July 3rd and visited the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Newark, where the ten (tenor 33 cwt.) were at their disposal from 3 to 4.15 p.m. and again from 6.30 to 8 p.m. This fine peal attracted ringers from Anstey (near Leicester), Barnby, Bottesford, Collingham, Hough-on-the-Hill, Lincoln Cathedral, St. Peter's, Mansfield, St. Mary's, Nottingham, Ordsall, Sutton-on-Trent, and the home tower was well represented. Miss I. B. Thompson, joint secretary of the Ladies' Guild (Northern District) acted as Ringing Master, and all had good opportunity to ring what they wanted. Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Triples, Bob Royal, Cambridge Major were all rung, and, for a mixed company, rung well except for two unfortunate courses of Caters, which were very patchy.

Tea was taken at 4.15, votes of thanks to the Vicar and home ringers passed and a few courses rung on handbells before the return to the tower for a course of Grandsire Caters for evensong. Everyone attended evensong in the chapel behind the altar. Canon A. Parkinson, in a short address, welcomed the ringers to his church and spoke highly of the work they do in others and in that church. He recalled the faithfulness of the ringers of the church he had recently left, East Retford, and also, at Newark, the sight on November 11th, 1918. The proclamation of peace was read and immediately afterwards the ringers commenced to ring the bells; before they had been ringing half an hour this church was packed with 3,000 people, although no notice of any service had been given. He felt that those ringers were responsible for that great service, and wished those present success in their very real part in the church's work.

Afterwards ringing continued, as did the arrival of visitors, and finally came to a conclusion at 8 o'clock with a well-struck touch of Stedman Triples. This was the first time for some years that a meeting had been held at Newark, and it proved to be very enjoyable. It is hoped to pay more frequent visits to this tower in the future.

**BEENHAM BELLS REHUNG.****SOME INTERESTING REMINISCENCES.**

About 55 ringers attended the public opening of the newly-hung bells at Beenham, the occasion also being the summer meeting of the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. The work was carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and Mr. C. F. Johnston was among those present. The towers represented were Beenham, Bucklebury, Beedon, Chieveley, Hampstead Norris, Newbury, Thatcham, East Ilsley and Compton. In addition, many visitors attended from Croydon, Hillingdon and Willesden, Twyford, Reading, Oxford, Chearsley, Overton, Abingdon and Bradfield. Short touches in various methods were rung, including Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, Treble Bob and Surprise methods.

At the service the address was given by the Deputy Master, the Rev. C. E. Wigg, who spoke of Beenham's long association with the Oxford Guild, mentioning the names of Hatto, the first foreman, and Richardson, whose families have carried on the good work through the years since the tower's affiliation to the Oxford Guild in 1886. Though no ringers of the name of Hatto remain in the village, the Richardsons are still represented in the tower by Mr. Ted Richardson, a regular ringer for Sunday services. Mention was also made of the history of the bells, which in 1800 were destroyed by fire. They were recast by the celebrated Whitechapel firm and have been rehung once since that date till the present occasion.

Following the service an inspection of the new bell frame was invited, the bells having been lowered for that purpose. Many ringers, including several ladies, undertook the long climb up the ladders, and with Mr. Johnston in charge spent an interesting time among the bells.

Tea was prepared by Mr. and Mrs. W. Hamblin in the Victory Hall. The members were the guests of the Vicar and Mr. Cyril Johnston, their hospitality being greatly appreciated.

At the business meeting which followed, the branch chairman (the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford) presided, supported by the branch hon. secretary (Mr. H. W. Curtis). The autumn meeting was fixed for September 4th at Bucklebury. Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar and Deputy Master for the service, to Mrs. Howes for her services at the organ, and to the Vicar and Mr. Cyril Johnston for generously providing the tea. In responding, the Vicar spoke of the form of service to be adopted for ringers' meetings. He also spoke on the financial aspect of the restoration work done, pointing out that, though the Newbury Branch had so far received no monetary benefit from the transference of the Beenham tower from the Bradfield Branch, yet they had generously contributed £33s. towards the appeal. Mr. T. Hibbert, general organising secretary, recalled memories of Beenham's early ringing days, expressing the Guild's appreciation of their 41 years' loyalty to the Bradfield Deanery Branch. The meeting closed with thanks to the chairman for presiding, and ringing continued till 9 p.m.

**RESTORATION OF HARSTON BELLS.****NEW COMPANY OF RINGERS FORMED.**

A very successful meeting of the Ely Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association was held at Harston on Saturday, July 10th. During the afternoon and evening about 40 ringers were present to try the bells, which have just been restored and augmented to a ring of six by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

Of the four old bells, three have been incorporated in the new peal. The old tenor, a sixteenth century bell by Austen Bracker, has been preserved and is now standing on a pedestal in the tower.

The other three old bells have been recast, a new tenor about 24 cwt. and two new trebles having been added. The peal has been rehung in a new steel frame and are now a nice handy and musical little ring.

On Saturday the Vicar, the Rev. P. G. Ward, gave a hearty welcome to the visiting ringers. He conducted the service, at which quite a number of parishioners were present, and afterwards entertained the ringers to tea.

The bells were first heard on Sunday, July 4th, the first 720, Bob Minor, being rung for evening service by C. W. Cook 1, A. E. Austin 2, F. G. Gleaves 3, W. Winter 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, J. W. Ward 6. For morning service on Sunday, July 11th, 720 London Surprise was rung by R. Lathbury 1, F. G. Gleaves 2, B. Wayman 3, C. W. Cook 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, E. H. Finch 6.

A local company of ringers is being formed and many recruits are showing great enthusiasm. It is to be hoped that one result of some years of labour by the Vicar and parishioners may be the establishment of a good local band.

**FOR BEGINNERS.****TOUCHES OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.**

Having got an insight into the working of the bells in their coursing, the beginner can go on to the bob calling. He will probably have observed that a bob cuts out one plain dodging place so that, for example, instead of dodging in 5-4 (down) in the lead after making 3rd's place, a bob causes him to stop in 7-6 (down) and have a double instead of a single dodge.

If he is calling the bobs by the fixed positions of Wrong (7-6 down), Home (6-7 up), Middle (4-5 up), In (into the hunt), Out (out of the hunt) or Before (3rd's place), he must be prepared for this omission. Wrong will come in the lead after 3rd's; Home in the lead after 5-4 (down); Middle in the lead after 7-6 down; In, the lead after 6-7 up; but Before comes in the lead after 4-5 up, because it is the one position that a bob does not affect. The 'Out' comes at any given number of leads from the time the bell is called In; and obviously no other call can be inserted between an In and an Out.

The time to call the bob is when the treble is in 3rd's place on the way down. That may not be easy to observe, but, if you have mastered the ropesight of coursing, you will readily see the bell hunting down immediately in front of the treble. The call is made when that bell begins to lead. As a help you can remember, also, that the call comes as you arrive in your dodging place, or, if you are going into the hunt yourself, immediately you leave the lead.

As a simple beginning you can try any of the following touches:—

- 3, 5, 6 or 4 called Middle three times.
- 3, 5, 7 or 6 called Wrong three times.
- 3, 5, 7 or 4 called Home three times.
- 7, 6 or 4 called In and Out (next lead) three times.
- 2 called Out and In three times.

Here are 18 different ways of calling a touch of 168.

You can extend these by calling a single for the last bob, and then repeating the whole, except in the case of the 2nd Out and In, when the Single should be called at the last Out. This use of singles doubles the length of the touch.

Other touches of 336 can be got by using the calling of the 7th In and Out and the 6th In and Out in any combination of three courses repeated. Thus:—

7th In and Out twice, 6th In and Out once, repeated.

6th In and Out twice, 7th In and Out once, repeated.

For brevity these might be indicated by the figures 7.7.6 repeated and 6.6.7 repeated. Other combinations which beginners can work out for themselves are 7.6.7; 6.7.7; 6.7.6; and 6.6.7.

Many longer touches can be made up by the same process, but ringers who work out their own must not overlook the risk of repetition. It would be good practice to write out the lead-ends of the touches, and these can be produced by the following transpositions: 253746 for a plain lead; 752634 for a bob lead. If no singles are used, the touch is true if none of the lead-ends repeat.

**SUCCESSFUL PEAK MEETING.**

The Ashover meeting of the Peak District Society, held on June 26th, was extremely successful. A very fine afternoon brought about 30 members and friends together, and some good ringing was enjoyed by all on this recently rehung peal of eight. Everyone voted the 'go' as excellent, and gave Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, credit for another splendid piece of work. Towers represented were Derby, Dore, Ashover, Matlock, Darley Dale, Sheffield, with friends from Stoke-on-Trent. Touches were rung in the usual standard methods and a good course of Cambridge brought round.

**WEDDING BELLS.****MARRIAGE OF MR. A. H. HUGHES, OF BRADFORD.**

At Holy Trinity Church, Low Moor, Bradford, on June 19th, the marriage took place of Miss Phyllis Boyes, younger daughter of Mrs. Boyes, of Wesley Place, Low Moor, and the late Mr. George Boyes, to Mr. Albert Henry Hughes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Hughes, of Green Lane, Wyke, Bradford.

The Vicar of the Holy Trinity Church, which is the Wibsey Parish Church, officiated and suitable music was played by the organist of the church.

The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. William Boyes, was attired in a dress of white ivory satin, an embroidered veil and coronet and carried a bouquet of red roses. She was attended by her sister, Evelyn, and two younger bridesmaids, the Misses Gladwys and Freda Middleton.

Liversedge Parish Church ringers celebrated the occasion by 'firing' the bells and ringing touches of Kent Treble Bob Major and Double Norwich Major.

Mr. Albert J. Hughes is well known amongst ringers in North Wales, Yorkshire and the Midlands, whilst his son, Mr. Albert H. Hughes, and Mr. William Boyes are local ringers.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Ten-Part, was rung at Rotherfield, Sussex, in honour of the wedding of Mr. F. R. Moberly and Miss P. M. Huddart on Saturday, June 19th: J. Lovell 1, H. Hammond 2, R. Mitchell 3, A. F. Lowry 4, F. Hammond 5, E. Bishop, sen. 6, C. Brasier 7, F. H. Hicks 8.

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**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. Further particulars will be found 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.

**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.—H. W. Perkins, Dis. Sec.

**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., 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. All ringers welcome.—N. Summerhayes, Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexley Heath.

**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.

**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.

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

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Southam on Saturday, July 17th. Bells (8). Committee meet 4 p.m. Service at 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting in the Craven Arms Hotel.—M. Melville, Exhall, Coventry.

**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.

**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.

**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, Iwer 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. Come to the King of the Holderness.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**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 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.

**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.—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.

**ABBOT'S LANGLEY.**—Saturday, July 17th. Bells open 3.30. Tea at the Vicarage, 5.30. Excellent bus service to church. Nearest rail: King's Langley, 1 mile.—C. H. Horton, Bushey. City 4270. Herts Association.

**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.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Southern Division will be held at Maresfield to-morrow (Saturday), July 17th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., by kind invitation of the Rector. Half rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d., allowed to resident members.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton 6.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Northern).**—Combined practices: Hitchin, Monday, July 19th, Royston, Tuesday, July 20th; St. Paul's, Walden, Wednesday, July 28th; Wallington, Thursday, Aug. 5th. All meetings 7 to 9 p.m. Please cut this out as it will not appear again!—Don Mears, 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.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).**—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on July 22nd; \*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.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-West Division.—A mid-week meeting will be held at Harlow Town on Wednesday, July 21st, at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Please send me a card.—S. Clark, Potter Street, Harlow.

**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.

**ST. MARY'S, PUTNEY.**—Two-day motor tour in Herts and Essex, July 24th and 25th. A few seats vacant. For particulars please apply at once to Elson, 59, Pursers Cross Road, S.W.6.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District) and 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.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Milverton on Saturday, July 24th. Usual arrangements. Those requiring tea, please notify me by Tuesday, July 20th.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

**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.

**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. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

**ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Tenterden on Saturday, July 24th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Gloucester Branch.—Next meeting at Norton on Saturday, July 24th. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Usual procedure. Bus leaves Worcester Street at 2.55 p.m. Will those who require tea notify me by the 21st?—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 4, G.W.R. Terrace, Lydney.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 24th, at Woburn. This fine peal will be available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All welcome.—F. J. Plummer, Hon. Dis. Sec., Romaine, Plantation Road, Leighton Buzzard.

**HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD** will meet members of the Aldershot district of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Heathfield on Saturday, July 24th. Tower open 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome, but tea *must* be ordered by the 21st.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Pickering on Saturday, July 24th, at which Cleveland and North Yorkshire members are especially invited to be present. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. R. L. Scarth, 13, Maudon Avenue, Pickering, not later than Thursday, July 22nd. A hearty invitation to all.—Edward Hudson, 4, Keldale Terrace, Sharow, Ripon.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Chesterfield District.—A meeting will be held at Eckington on Saturday, July 24th. Will all requiring tea please notify Mr. House Smith, The Yews, Eckington, Sheffield?—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Drighlington on Saturday, July 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Please notify Mr. S. Barron, 40, West Street, Drighlington, if tea is required. Business meeting 7 p.m.—H. Loffhouse, Hon. Sec.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Curdridge on Saturday, July 24th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me by July 22nd. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 6, Sheffield Road, Portsmouth.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hawkchurch on Saturday, July 24th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify for tea by Tuesday, July 20th.—C. H. Lathey, Hon. Sec., Middle Street, Bradpole, Bridport.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cary Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Henstridge on Saturday, July 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please advise for teas.—W. A. Osborn, Galhampton, Yeovil.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Moreton Corbet on Saturday, July 24th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. All requiring tea, will they please notify me, not later than Tuesday, July 20th (*certain*)?—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., Craigmere, Upper Road, Meole Brace, Shrewsbury.

**PEAK DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Next meeting Wirksworth, Saturday, July 24th. Will all members and friends help to make this, our first visit, a success? Those expecting to be present please write me, not later than Tuesday, July 20th, so that suitable arrangements can be made for tea.—H. L. Warburton, Hon. Sec., 72, Causeway Head Road, Dore, near Sheffield.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 24th, at Edenham (Billingborough bells not available). Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Will those requiring tea please notify by Wednesday previous Mr. A. Holmes, Edenham, Bourne, Lincs? — C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

**CHURCH LAWFORD, RUGBY.**—The new ring of 6 bells will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Coventry on Saturday, July 24th, at 4 p.m. Tea will only be provided for those who notify Mr. J. H. White, 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry, not later than Monday, July 19th.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next district meeting will be held at Peckleton on Saturday, July 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service, taken by the Rector, at 4.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, at 5 p.m. The Rector extends a hearty invitation to ringers to attend this meeting. Names, please, to Mr. E. A. Hall, Peckleton, near Leicester.—Wm. A. Wood, Hon. Sec.

**WELFORD, NORTHANTS.**—On Saturday, July 24th, the Lord Bishop of Peterborough will consecrate the extension to the burial ground at 3.30 p.m. Bells available before service from 2.45 p.m. and also after-

wards. Visiting ringers will be heartily welcomed. Tea can be arranged for those who notify me by Wednesday previous. — Geo. A. Hollick, West Street, Welford, Rugby.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Amersham (6 bells) on Saturday, July 24th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, for those who notify me not later than July 20th. Phone: Slough 1260.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**DORCHESTER, ST. PETER'S.**—Re-opening of the bells, Sunday, August 1st. Services 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. A ring of eight rehung by John Taylor and Co.

**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.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Oldham Parish Church, St. Mary's (12 bells) on Saturday, Aug. 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. A hearty welcome to all ringers and friends to come along and support us.—Stephen Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James' Street, Millnrow, Rochdale, Lancs.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, Aug. 7th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, 1s. 3d. per head. Business meeting to follow. Those intending to be present kindly let me know by Wednesday previous to meeting.—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 13, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

**JUST A REMINDER.**—Book the date for the annual dinner of the Lancashire Association, Oct. 30th, at the County Hotel, adjoining the Palace Theatre, Promenade, Blackpool.

**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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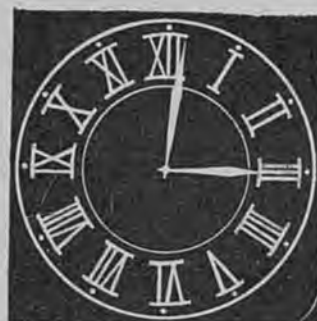
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