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LOST PEALS.

It is the uncertainty of peal ringing that adds so greatly to its fascination. If ringers could be certain of success in every peal they attempted, peal ringing would largely lose its interest and attraction. No one can compute the 'odds' upon success, for so many chances enter into ringing, chances beyond the control of the ringers, as well as the possibilities of the failure of the human element. Even the best planned efforts of the most proficient band may come to nought. If, in some kinds of sport, it can be said that a game is never lost until it is won, it is not wholly true of ringing. In most pastimes a contest may be saved even after a series of setbacks, but once a peal has gone it has gone for ever. It is the uncertainty that makes it attractive; the striving after success is more important than the success itself.

If it were possible to compile statistics it would be extremely interesting to know how many peal failures there are. We get full information of all the successes, and for more than fifty years now there are tabulated records. But of attempts, some of them more valiant and commendable than many successful achievements, we hear little or nothing. A few years ago, in the Oxford Guild, an effort was made to compile a list of lost peals, but nothing reliable ever came of it, and the attempt to collect information was abandoned. There is, it would seem, a reluctance to put failures on record, but probably this information, if it were accurately compiled, would be an even better basis upon which to judge the progress of ringing than the catalogue of peals that are rung. The causes of failure would be immensely interesting; they are so many and varied that statistics would be as informative as the analysis tables of peals which the Central Council publishes every year.

With the co-operation of all conductors, there ought to be no difficulty in every association compiling a list of lost peals and the causes thereof in which their members are concerned. Only brief particulars would be required. The date, the place, the method, the time and the cause of the breakdown are all that are needed, and it would involve only a penny postcard and the briefest amount of time. But to make the records complete it would require in addition a loyal observance on the part of all conductors. We feel sure, however, that the information could be even more useful to associations than the details of the peal successes. Associations know what peals have been rung, but they never get any comprehensive knowledge of where peals have been attempted, what bells have been used for the purpose, or how much effort their members actually put into this side of their activities. The

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information would also be a guide to the reasons of failure and lead in some instances, perhaps, to rectifying the causes. A scheme to collect the information, however, must be carried out wholeheartedly by all concerned, if it is to be a success and serve a real purpose. It must be regarded as important to record failures as to record the successes. Treated in that way it would prove a valuable departure.

TEN BELL PEALS.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 10, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, PRITTLEWELL,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18¼ cwt.

EDWIN A. BARNETT ...	...*Treble*	HENRY T. WILSON	6
DEREK M. SHARP... ...	... 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN... ...	... 7
ALBERT E. NORTH ...	... 3	JOHN E. FOWLER	... 8
HARRY HOSKINS	... 4	ERNEST W. FURBANK ...	... 9
HENRY S. WILSON ...	... 5	HARRY PARKES	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

First peal of Little Bob Royal by all and by the association.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 10, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	... 6
CHARLES H. KIPPIN ...	... 2	ROYDON DAVIES	... 7
MISS GWENDOLINE KIPPIN	3	THOMAS G. BANNISTER	... 8
MRS. CHARLES H. KIPPIN ...	4	FRANK E. DARBY	... 9
EDWIN F. PIKE	... 5	HARRY W. SIMMONS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. E. DARBY. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GLASBURY-ON-WYE, BRECONSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 4, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, *5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM J. PREECE ...	...*Treble*	AUSTIN T. WINGATE ...	... 5
ROBERT E. SUMMERS...	... 2	LESLIE EVANS	... 6
*HARRY T. CHANDLER	... 3	ERNEST F. SALMONS ...	... 7
DAVID H. BENNETT ...	... 4	JAMES P. HYETT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. F. SALMONS.

* First peal on eight bells.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM HENLEY	5
ALAN R. PINK	... 2	F. DONALD BOREHAM ...	... 6
EDWARD S. T. FARR ...	... 3	HARRY WINGROVE ...	... 7
WILLIAM WELLING ...	... 4	LEONARD STILWELL ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by L. STILWELL.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. R. L. Stilwell (son of the conductor) and Miss Joan Hills, which took place at Windsor Parish Church on the previous Saturday.

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HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, September 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb.

GEORGE A. FLEMING ...	...*Treble*	JOHN W. WARD	5
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	2	SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ...	6
ALBERT E. AUSTIN	3	URBAN W. WILDNEY	7
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ...	4	CECIL W. PIPE	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.
Specially arranged as a birthday compliment to Cecil W. Pipe.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, September 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE MAYERS	...*Treble*	PHILIP W. J. FRYER	5
JOHN A. GODFREY	2	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN	6
ALBERT G. WARNES	3	WILLIAM CLOVER...	7
THOMAS E. SPRIGHT	4	HENRY TOOKE	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.
Rung as a 79th birthday compliment to Mr. Samuel Tooke, father of the tenor ringer.

LOUGHBOROUGH.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, September 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN GRUNDY	...*Treble*	JOHN P. FIDLER	5
GEOFFREY HARRISON	2	ROLAND PARK	6
COLIN HARRISON	3	W. NORMAN PARK	7
JOHN SADDINGTON	4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDK. H. DEXTER.

BLANDFORD, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, September 7, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 19¾ cwt. in E.

EDWARD T. GRIFFIN ...	...*Treble*	LOUIS J. LOCKYER	5
CYRIL F. TURNER	2	REV. JOHN E. F. TREDENNICK	6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ...	3	WILLIAM C. SHUTE	7
STANLEY E. ANDREWS... ...	4	L-CPL. P. H. TOCOCK, R.T.C.	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM C. SHUTE.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, September 7, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
M. SWINFIELD'S IRREGULAR TWENTY-PART, No. 4. Tenor 28½ cwt.

MAURICE SWINFIELD ...	...*Treble*	ROLAND PARK	5
JOHN H. SWINFIELD	2	W. NORMAN PARK	6
JOSEPH BAILEY	3	SIDNEY F. PALMER	7
W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ...	4	GEORGE L. RODEN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.
This composition is now rung for the first time.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, September 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

FREDERICK A. SALTER...	...*Treble*	FRANK BRADLEY	5
ROLAND PARK	2	J. ALFRED BARRATT	6
EDWARD C. GOBEY	3	*TOM CLARKE	7
W. NORMAN PARK	4	JOHN E. HOBBS	...*Tenor*

Composed by E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by FREDK. A. SALTER
* First peal in the method.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, September 9, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

GEORGE W. FOGDEN...	...*Treble*	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	5
*FREDERICK W. BUDGEN ...	2	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ...	6
DEREK M. SHARP	3	EDWIN A. BARNETT	7
JOHN O. WELLER	4	HARRY HOVERD	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by D. M. SHARP.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 10, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

HARRY WAYNE	...*Treble*	KENNETH A. ROE...	5
GEOFFREY HARRISON	2	ARNOLD BRUNTON	6
COLIN HARRISON	3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY	7
W. ERNEST RAWSON	4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ARNOLD BRUNTON.
First peal of Surprise as conductor.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, September 10, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

MAURICE SMITHER ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM J. ROBINSON... ...	5
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH	2	JOHN H. B. HESSE	6
THOMAS E. DENYER	3	ERNEST J. AYLIFFE	7
*DOUGLAS R. HAYES	4	ALFRED H. PULLING ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING
* First peal on eight bells. Arranged as a wedding peal for Mr. A. C. Bartlett, of Chiddingfold, and for Mr. Raymond Overy, of Haslemere.

DAYBROOK, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 10, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. SALTER	...*Treble*	FRANK BRADLEY	5
IDA B. THOMPSON	2	J. ALFRED BARRATT	6
*HAROLD PAILING	3	WILLIAM STANNER	7
FRANK BROWN	4	WALTER NICHOLS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. A. BARRATT.
* First peal. A birthday compliment to Miss Ida B. Thompson.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 10, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

*HARRY ARMITAGE, General Committee.	...*Treble*
JOHN J. L. GILBERT, Sec. Southern Division.	2
THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY, Ringing Master, Western Division.	3
*FRANK RAYMENT, Sec. Western Division.	4
WILLIAM BARTON, Peal Secretary.	5
JOHN AMBLER, General Committee.	6
*FREDERICK W. DIXON, General Committee.	7
PERCY J. JOHNSON, Vice President....	...*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS, Vice-President.
Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.
* First peal of Surprise. Rung, with the bells half-muffled, by members of the General Committee as a tribute to the memory of four ex-members of that body who have died during the past association year: Frederick Clark, secretary, Southern Division; Arthur E. West, General Committee and a former vice-president; Bernard E. Webb, a former vice-president; and Firth Hopwood, a former secretary of the Western Division.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, September 9, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

ROBERT D. GUNTON...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM J. FLATT	5
FREDERICK C. GUNTON ...	2	FREDERICK W. MUNNINGS...	6
CHARLES W. LOOME... ...	3	RUSSELL RICHES	7
*ROGER CADAMY	4	ERNEST WHITING... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING
* First peal in the method.

LONGTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 10, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
CARTER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM PERKINS ...	...*Treble*	*JOHN CARTLIDGE	5
THOMAS HURD	2	*ARTHUR HALL	6
WILLIAM CARNWELL	3	CHARLES H. PAGE	7
EDWARD STEELE	4	ALAN D. STEEL ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN D. STEEL.
* First peal in the method on eight. First peal in the method as conductor.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BLYTH, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*COLIN EVANS	...*Treble*	HAROLD DERMAN...	4
JOE READER	2	RICHARD REECE	5
*CLIFFORD BLEBY	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. T. ROOKE.
* First peal and first attempt.

DRAYCOTT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, August 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two extents, ten callings. Tenor 16 cwt.

KENNETH SHELLEY ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM PERKINS	4
JOHN CARTLIDGE	2	ALAN D. STEEL	5
EDWARD STEELE	3	FREDERICK SHELLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. D. STEEL.
Rung to welcome the new Rector, the Rev. A. Stanley.

KENN, DEVONSHIRE.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
On Tuesday, August 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings.
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F.

CHARLES R. LILLEY ...	...*Treble*	†JOHN POWLESLAND	4
JAMES E. LILLEY	2	REGINALD TRUMAN	5
*EDWARD G. CORK	3	ARTHUR TRUMAN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal on the bells.

TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, September 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GWENDOLINE,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES H. TOMPKINS	...*Treble*	LESLIE EVANS	4
JAMES P. HYETT	2	*DAVID H. BENNETT	5
WILLIAM J. PREECE	3	ERNEST F. SALMONS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. F. SALMONS.
* First peal of Minor. First peal of Bob Minor on the bells.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

JOHN CHURCH	...*Treble*	LEWIS H. BYWATERS	4
HENRY W. GAYTON	2	CHARLES W. CLARKE	5
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	3	REGINALD WEST	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

APSLEY END, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, September 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
In 24 methods, viz.: (1) Chester, Munden, Alnwick and Newcastle; (2) London, Wells and Cunecastre; (3) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale and Stamford; (4) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull and Bourne; (5) York and Durham; (6) Norwich; (7) Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet and Hexham. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM FEASEY ...	...*Treble*	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	4
WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT ...	2	WILLIAM J. RANDALL	5
HORACE L. WAITE	3	WALTER AYRE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
First peal in 24 Surprise methods in the county, for the association and by all the band. There were 103 changes of method.

BRECON.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, September 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 12 extents of Plain Bob and 30 extents of Grandsire.
Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb.

*BERNARD H. DAVIES...	...*Treble*	HARRY T. CHANDLER	4
DAVID H. BENNETT	2	JAMES P. HYETT	5
WILLIAM J. PREECE	3	LESLIE EVANS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by D. H. BENNETT.
* First peal in two methods. First peal in two methods as conductor. First peal in two methods on the bells.

UPTON PYNE, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
On Monday, September 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of 42 six-scores, 10 different callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES R. LILLEY ...	...*Treble*	REGINALD TRUMAN	4
*CECIL CLARKE	2	*HORACE M. BUTT	5
EDWARD G. CORK	3	†MONTAGUE T. BUTT ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.
* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.

EAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
On Tuesday, September 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of 42 six-scores, 10 different callings. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

CHARLES R. LILLEY ...	...*Treble*	*THOMAS F. WEST	4
*LEONARD G. BOLT	2	†BRYAN PIDGEON...	5
*CYRIL SAVAGE	3	*DENNIS PIDGEON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. All except the conductor are local men.

RISHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, September 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

RICHARD ATHERTON ...	...*Treble*	*HERBERT RAWCLIFFE ...	4
*THOMAS HILLMAN	2	†WILLIAM PROCTOR	5
ALBERT YATES	3	FRED READ	6
RICHARD BALDERSTONE	...*Tenor*		

Conducted by FRED READ.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Rung with tenor covering.

WIGMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, September 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being six 120's each of Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Reverse Canterbury, three 240's of Pitman's and Morris' and six of Lindoff's arrangement of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

*ALEC R. WARDMAN ... ...*Treble*	HARRY T. CHANDLER 4
LESLIE EVANS 2	JAMES P. HYETT 5
WILLIAM J. PREECE 3	FREDERICK C. REYNOLDS ...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.
* First peal. First peal on the bells in more than one method.

ACLE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 10, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of an extent each of Double Oxford Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in G.

MISS B. BAYLES ... ...*Treble*	T. WILLIAM DE VILLE ... 4
JOHN R. WILKERSON 2	R. WILLIAM BARBER 5
STANLEY W. GALL 3	DENIS A. BAYLES ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of the Rector and Mrs. Williams. First peal in seven methods by all except the ringer of 5th.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 10, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Viz.: 720 of Cambridge Surprise, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. in E.

RONALD W. STEWARD... ...*Treble*	GEORGE A. ANDREWS 4
MRS. R. ROUSE 2	HARRY J. MILLATT 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

TICKNALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 10, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of 21 extents of Plain Bob and 21 extents of Grandsire Doubles. Tenor 11¾ cwt.

*W. SOAR ... ...*Treble*	J. HULSE 4
J. HOUGH 2	F. HULSE 5
*A. WOODWARD 3	T. MARRIOTT... ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. HULSE.
* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung for the 21st birthday of Mr. Charles A. Jenney.

HANDBELL PEAL.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)
On Wednesday, September 7, 1938, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT STEDMAN, SKETCHLEY ROAD,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 1,440 Stedman, 2,160 Plain Bob, 1,440 Grandsire
Tenor size 11 in G.

*ALFRED BALLARD 1-2	†FRANK K. MEASURES 3-4
	†JOHN H. BAILESS 5-6

Conducted by A. BALLARD.
Witnesses: Mrs. A. Ballard and Mrs. F. K. Measures.
* First peal of Doubles 'in hand.' † First peal 'in hand.' First peal in more than one method by entirely Hinckley District members.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD TOUR.

The following peals were rung by the Guild during their annual week:—

ST. BRIAVELS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
On Tuesday, September 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn)...*Treble*	REV. B. F. SHEPPARD (Trin.) 5
REV. H. G. BENSON (King's) 2	REV. E. G. BENSON (St Cath's)6
S. H. WOOD (Magd.) 3	R. D. ST. J. SMITH (Selwyn) 7
J. B. WOOLLEY (Jesus) ... 4	J. H. R. FREEBORN (Clare) *Tenor*

Composed by J. B. WOOLLEY. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.
On Wednesday, September 7, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes
AT THE VICARAGE,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

*A. R. PARGETTER (Pembroke) 1-2	C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) 5-6
J. B. WOOLLEY (Jesus) ... 3-4	REV. B. F. SHEPPARD (Trin.) 7-8

Composed by S. H. WOOD (Magd.) Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY
* First peal.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
On Thursday, September 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

J. H. R. FREEBORN (Clare) *Treble*	C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) 5
R. D. ST. J. SMITH (Selwyn) 2	*J. B. WOOLLEY (Jesus) ... 6
REV. E. BANKES JAMES (Caius)3	F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath's) 7
REV. B. F. SHEPPARD (Trin.) 4	S. H. WOOD (Magd.) ...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'

LLANFIGAN, BRECON.
On Thursday, September 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAUGHAN,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

S. H. WOOD (Magd.) ...*Treble*	R. D. ST. J. SMITH (Selwyn) 5
*REV. H. G. BENSON (King's) 2	REV. E. G. BENSON (St. Cath's)6
E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath's) 3	J. H. R. FREEBORN (Clare) 7
F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath's) 4	C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) ...*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD (Trin). Conducted by E. M. ATKINS
* First peal in the method on tower bells.

LUGWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
On Friday, September 9, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 12½ cwt.

REV. A. C. BLYTH (Selwyn) *Treble*	E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath's) ... 5
REV. H. G. BENSON (King's) 2	REV. E. G. BENSON (St. Cath's)6
S. H. WOOD (Magd.) 3	F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath's) 7
REV. E. BANKES JAMES (Caius)4	J. H. R. FREEBORN (Clare) *Tenor*

Conducted by S. H. WOOD.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Thursday, August 18th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Mary Magdalene's Church as a compliment to Mr. W. Wheeler on his becoming a grandfather that day: F. Whitby 1, J. Wood (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 2, V. Tipton 3, W. Aley 4, L. Cordell 5, W. Wheeler 6, S. Clark (conductor) 7, B. Copping 8.

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CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, WATERMOOR,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES J. GARDINER	...*Treble*	FREDERICK PAGE	5
KEITH HART	2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ...	6
JOHN THOMAS	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	7
WALTER F. JUDGE	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	...*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

First peal of Major on the bells.

ST. BRIAVELS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 4, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM T. BEESON ...	...*Treble*	NELSON ELLIOTT	5
C. ERNEST SMITH	2	JACK M. CRIPPS	6
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ...	3	FREDERICK PAGE	7
KENNETH SNELLING	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

First peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

BISLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK W. ROGERS	...*Treble*	WALTER F. JUDGE	5
JACK M. CRIPPS	2	KENNETH SNELLING	6
KEITH HART...	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	7
NELSON ELLIOTT	4	C. ERNEST SMITH... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

First peal of London on the bells.

WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 6, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

NELSON ELLIOTT	...*Treble*	WILLIAM T. BEESON	5
JACK M. CRIPPS	2	C. ERNEST SMITH... ...	6
KENNETH SNELLING	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	7
WALTER F. JUDGE	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

First peal of Bristol on the bells.

DURSLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 6, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

OLIVER SIPPETTS	...*Treble*	WALTER F. JUDGE	5
GEORGE POPNELL	2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ...	6
KEITH HART	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	7
KENNETH SNELLING	4	FREDERICK PAGE	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 7, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

KEITH HART	...*Treble*	CHARLES J. GARDINER... ...	7
JACK M. CRIPPS	2	NELSON ELLIOTT	8
C. ERNEST SMITH	3	WALTER F. JUDGE	9
JOHN AUSTIN...	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	10
FREDERICK PAGE	5	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	11
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ...	6	OLIVER SIPPETTS	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE

LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE & SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

KEITH HART	...*Treble*	JACK M. CRIPPS	5
WALTER F. JUDGE	2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ...	6
NELSON ELLIOTT	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	7
KENNETH SNELLING	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

First peal of Surprise on the bells. This peal contains 2,880 London, 736 Bristol, 736 Cambridge and 704 Superlative, with 109 changes of method.

RUARDEAN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

JACK M. CRIPPS	...*Treble*	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ...	5
KENNETH SNELLING	2	WILLIAM T. BEESON	6
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	3	OLIVER SIPPETTS	7
WALTER F. JUDGE	4	C. ERNEST SMITH	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 9, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

C. ERNEST SMITH ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM T. BEESON	5
KEITH HART	2	NELSON ELLIOTT	6
GEORGE POPNELL	3	JACK M. CRIPPS	7
FREDERICK PAGE	4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

First peal of Superlative on the bells.

LONGNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 10, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE & SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14¼ cwt.

FREDERICK S. BAYLEY	...*Treble*	WILLIAM T. BEESON	5
KENNETH SNELLING	2	C. ERNEST SMITH	6
JACK M. CRIPPS	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	7
NELSON ELLIOTT	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	...*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. S. TURNER. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

First peal of Spliced Surprise on the bells. This peal contains 2,944 London, 640 Bristol and 736 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 112 changes of method.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 10, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

C. ERNEST SMITH... ...	...*Treble*	NELSON ELLIOTT	5
KEITH HART	2	FREDERICK PAGE	6
KENNETH SNELLING	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	7
GEORGE POPNELL	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT SECRETARYSHIP.

A change in the secretaryship of the North and East District was foreshadowed when, at a meeting at Pinner on Saturday, September 3rd, the chairman (Mr. G. W. Fletcher) announced the resignation of Mr. G. R. Goodship, who had left the county and removed to Great Missenden for business reasons. Mr. Fletcher referred to the presence in the secretarial chair of Mr. C. T. Coles, who, he said, had stepped into the breach, but it would be necessary for members to do some thinking during the next few months, so that at the district annual meeting in January a new secretary could be appointed.

Mr. Goodship, he said, had sent his apology for his absence from this meeting, and had tendered his resignation, which they had no alternative but to accept with regret, and with their sincere thanks to Mr. Goodship for his many years of work as assistant secretary and latterly as hon. secretary.

Mr. Coles said that, of course, he was quite agreeable to act as district secretary until the next annual meeting, but it was essential that they should find another, and, he thought, a younger member, for this work.

Other business transacted at the meeting was the confirmation of the elections of the Rev. A. S. Roberts (Palmers Green) and Miss E. J. C. Angwin (Truro), made prior to ringing a peal at Edmonton on August 13th.

The arrangements for the next meeting were left in the hands of the general secretary, who announced the holding of a practice meeting at St. Giles', Cripplegate, on Wednesday, September 21st, and a joint meeting with the Royal Cumberland Youths and the Essex Association at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on October 1st.

The usual votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. E. Barnes for the use of the bells, and to Mr. H. Pendry for making the very necessary arrangements; in this case, said the chairman, made doubly difficult owing to the absence of any definite information as to the number attending, and the subsequent catering arrangements.—Mr. Pendry briefly acknowledged the vote of thanks.

Some 40 or more members attended during the afternoon, and a great many touches in a large number of methods from Grandsire Triples to Bristol Surprise were rung, under the guidance of Mr. T. J. Lock (District Master). A touch of Spliced Surprise in four methods, however, failed to come round properly, some of the band trying to ring Bristol, whilst others rang 'That's all.'

It was regretted that a service which was arranged had to be abandoned at the request of the Vicar, who, however, came in at tea time to offer his apologies to the secretary.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

ACKWORTH BELLS NEED OVERHAULING.

The September meeting of the Barnsley and District Society was held at Ackworth on Saturday, when 16 members were present from Arksey, Barnsley, Badsworth, Earlsheaton, Felkirk, Sandal, South Kirby, Wath, Wentworth and two visitors from Leeds district. There was ringing during the afternoon, followed by tea.

At the business meeting, with Mr. W. Moxon (vice-president) in the chair, three new members were elected, and Cawthorne was chosen for the next place of meeting, to be held on Saturday, October 15th.

After the usual vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens, further ringing continued in a variety of methods, but at 8.15 p.m. everyone present had had enough. The bells are a mixed lot and are in a very bad condition. If they were examined by a competent authority they would be lucky to escape 'the condemned cell.' Nevertheless, although the bells are bad, it was a very happy gathering.

BELLS RESTORED AT SALFORD.

ROPE TROUBLE MARS OPENING RINGING.

At the Sacred Trinity Church, Salford, on Sunday evening, the Rector (the Rev. Richard L. Hussey, Hon. C.F.) rededicated the bells with a delightful service in the belfry, many ringing friends and visitors being present.

The Rector, having commended the bells to the service of God and the church, said, 'Let the sound of these bells be now heard,' and immediately local members, augmented by ringers from Manchester Cathedral, opened with rounds and Queens.

Further ringing took place after the service, and it had been hoped to put on record the first opening touch of 350 Grandsire Triples, conducted by R. Langden. Unfortunately, however, it had to be brought round owing to rope trouble. After readjustments, a second attempt was made, but before the first course was completed the rope of the 5th bell collapsed. This, however, did not damp the ringers' spirits, and touches of Bob Minor and Stedman Doubles were rung with a cover bell in each case, conducted by A. Ridyard.

During ringing the Rector escorted members of the congregation and choirboys to the belfry, many staying behind, maybe to satisfy themselves, for the Rector had made a strong appeal during his sermon for the young men of the parish to join in and help keep the band alive.

On learning of the mishap to the ropes, the Rector revisited the belfry and thanked all those who took part in the service. He regretted that mishap had happened, but gave support to the recommendation already made for a new set of ropes.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

To-day is Mr. William H. Fussell's 77th birthday. He will have the congratulations and good wishes of a host of ringing friends throughout the world. In addition to being the only man who has rung a peal in every county in England and Wales, he was, of course, the promoter of the tour to Australia four years ago, when, by the way, he spent his birthday on the Bay of Biscay.

He very nearly spent to-day at sea, and would have done so had not Slough's incorporation festivities demanded his presence, as one of the oldest inhabitants, to take part in some of the ceremonies.

Congratulations and good wishes also to Mr. Robert Brundle, of Ipswich, who will be 87 years of age on Sunday. He still rings at St. Mary-le-Tower Church.

In September issue of 'Apollo,' the well-known art journal, there appears a fine article on 'Bells and Gongs of Old Japan.' It is written by Ernest Morris, of St. Margaret's, Leicester, and beautifully illustrated by a number of excellent photographs.

St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was founded as the Society of St. Martin's Youths in 1755, and on September 16th of that year—183 years ago to-day—they rang their first peal, a 5,040 of Bob Major at St. Philip's Church, now the Cathedral.

Recent reference in this column to Mr. Charles Wilkins, who was formerly a very active ringer in London, has brought us news of another old Cumberland Youth, Mr. Albert Pittam.

In the days when Arthur Jacob and George Newson were almost invariably on the 7th and tenor in peals of Major, Albert Pittam was almost as invariably on the 6th. He rang this bell at Romford to the then record length of 13,440 Double Norwich on April 18th, 1894.

Mr. Pittam also took part in the first peal of London Surprise rung by a London band on May 18th, 1895, at St. James', Clerkenwell. Mr. Wilkins rang in both these peals.

Mr. Pittam now lives at Little Milton, near Oxford, and his old friends will extend to him their greetings and good wishes.

In the review of Mr. John Thomas' career in our article on September 2nd, an error crept in. The first tower-bell peal by married couples was rung at Epsom and not Edmonton.

FREEMASONRY.

On Tuesday, September 6th, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, P.P.G.C., was, for the second time, installed as Worshipful Master of King's Court Masonic Lodge, Gillingham, Dorset. Among members of the ringing fraternity present at the ceremony were Wor.Bro. Rev. A. D. H. Allan, Wor.Bro. A. F. Martin Stewart, Wor.Bro. A. Prince, Bros. Rev. C. A. Phillips, W. A. Cave, A. E. Coles and S. Braddick. At the banquet following, the W.M. 'took wine' with those of his brethren who were bellringers.

WATFORD RINGER'S DEATH.

We much regret to record the death of Mr. William J. Norris, of the St. Mary's, Watford, band. Although not well known as a peal ringer, Mr. Norris had the highest sense of duty regarding Sunday service ringing and was seldom absent or late—a splendid example to the younger generation.

In addition to his ringing, he was connected with St. James' Church, Watford, where among many activities he held the office of churchwarden. His Sunday was, therefore, fully occupied, and at the conclusion of ringing he always had to hurry off to St. James'. He will be greatly missed at Watford.

It was a great disappointment to all concerned that a half-muffled peal attempt on the evening of the funeral was not successful.

DR. G. W. SLACK MARRIED.

Dr. G. W. Slack was married on July 30th at St. Osmund's Roman Catholic Church, Salisbury, to Miss R. C. Bonney (Sister Bonney), of Ulverston. Dr. Slack is the composer of the two-part peal of Stedman Triples, which, as recorded last week, has just been rung for the first time. As a compliment to him upon his marriage, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Martin's Church, Salisbury, for evensong on July 31st. Dr. Slack was the composer and conductor, and his father, Mr. G. W. Slack, took part in the ringing, which was done by R. Lowe 1, G. W. Slack 2, J. Thompson (first quarter-peal on an 'inside' bell) 3, A. Fry 4, W. A. Romain 5, Dr. G. W. Slack 6, J. E. Figgures 7, W. Chalk 8.

COLLEGE YOUTHS ENTERTAINED BY MASTER.

The London members of the Ancient Society of College Youths spent an enjoyable Saturday afternoon recently as the guests of the Master and Mrs. Lewis at Moorcocks, Brasted, Kent. A special coach left St. Paul's Cathedral at midday, calling at Wrotham and Seale for ringing, arriving at Brasted at about 5 o'clock, where an excellent tea was in readiness. By a lucky chance the day chosen happened to be the anniversary of Mrs. Lewis' birthday, and on behalf of the visitors the secretary made a small presentation as a mark of their appreciation. On leaving for home, Miss Lewis presented each member of the party with a large bunch of flowers from the gardens.

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HARRY WINGROVE.

Although he rang his first peal 22 years ago, it was not until nine years ago that Mr. Harry Wingrove, of Beaconsfield, Bucks, scored his first peal as conductor. He was born at Beaconsfield on March 12th, 1893, and learned to handle a bell in the village church in 1910. Ever since, except for the war period, he has been a regular Sunday service ringer at Beaconsfield.

The local band, as in so many other places, had to be re-formed after the war, and Mr. Wingrove has made a point of getting recruits each year. Often it has been an uphill struggle, and at times the band has been reduced to ringing call changes on six bells; but the reward is now being reaped, for Beaconsfield has a band that rings methods up to Cambridge Surprise Major for the Sunday services.



MR. HARRY WINGROVE.

Mr. Wingrove's first attempt for a peal was in 1913, when Grandsire Triples came to grief after 2¾ hours. Curiously enough he has since rung only one peal of Grandsire Triples, which was at Hughenden in 1923.

His first peal success was in his own tower at Beaconsfield in October, 1916, when he took part in a half-muffled peal of Oxford Bob Triples in memory of two of the Beaconsfield ringers who had been killed in France. His first peal as conductor was Cambridge Surprise Major, at Old Windsor in October, 1929. He has now rung 366 peals, from Minor to Maximus, in 15 counties, but more than 300 of the peals have been rung for the Oxford Diocesan Guild. The peals which he has conducted number 112, 105 of them for the Oxford Guild. He has rung peals in 17 different Surprise methods and conducted peals in all but one of them. Some of these methods have been rung for the first time, and some for the first time for the Oxford Guild.

At Tanfield he conducted the first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major for the Durham and Newcastle Association, and at Caythorpe, Lincs, the first peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, these peals being rung, of course, while with a touring band. He has taken part in four non-conducted peals, two of Cambridge Surprise Major, one of Yorkshire Surprise Major and one of Stedman Triples, and among his other peals of interest have been one of Double Norwich, the first in the method rung at Beaconsfield by the local band; the first peal of Beaconsfield Surprise Major, rung at Beaconsfield, in which four members of the local band took part; and a peal of Newcastle Surprise Major, at Hughenden, named and rung as a compliment to the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. All these Mr. Wingrove conducted.

Mr. Wingrove has organised peals in the district on most Saturdays for some years past, and the measure of success that has been attained has been due to the good fellowship which prevails in the band.

HEREFORDSHIRE VETERAN HONOURED.

WHITBOURNE BAND'S LONG SERVICE TOGETHER.

At Whitbourne, Herefordshire, on Wednesday, August 31st, as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. J. Caswell, who attained the age of 70 years, a quarter-peal of Doubles in three different methods (Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire) was rung: J. H. Griffiths 1, S. Lewis 2, E. Jones 3, G. Jones 4, R. J. Caswell 5, W. Morris 6. G. Soley conducted the quarter-peal, but was too poorly to take a rope.

All the above, except the ringer of the 3rd, have rung at Whitbourne Parish Church together for 30 years.

Before commencing the quarter-peal, the ringers were kindly entertained to supper at the Rectory by the Rev. W. H. C. and Mrs. Stainer in honour of the occasion.

Mr. Caswell thanked the Rector and said that he would continue in the work of the church as long as he lived.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GAWSWORTH BACK IN MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.

The Macclesfield Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild was favoured with excellent weather for the ringing meeting at Gawsworth on Saturday last, and this factor assisted in making this one the most successful held, no less than 36 members, and friends from Crewe, Manchester and Knutsford, being present.

The fine peal of eight bells, which sound particularly sweet when one stands at the other side of the water outside the church, were set going to changes shortly after 3 p.m., and a good touch of Stedman Triples was brought round prior to the Guild service, which was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. S. Stephens.

The Rector prefaced a very interesting address by extending a hearty welcome to the ringers, and referred to the office that each and every ringer holds in church life which is apt to be overlooked in some cases. The Rector also mentioned the great number of methods and changes which could be rung, emphasising the all important point of striking a bell in its exact place. Although not a regular ringer now, the Rector went on to speak of the time when both he and his wife were Sunday service ringers at Gawsworth, and referred to service ringing as an act of worship.

After tea a short business meeting was held. The Rector had been an honorary member of the Guild for some time, but owing to shortage of ringers the Gawsworth band temporarily left the Guild and the Rector felt he ought to lapse his membership as well. However, the Gawsworth tower now has a promising band of ringers, who were back again in the Guild, and the secretary took this opportunity to propose the Rector's re-election as an honorary member of the Guild after obtaining that gentleman's consent. This was seconded by Mr. Taylor and received by the meeting with enthusiasm.

It was brought to the notice of the meeting that the Stockport Branch had given a cordial invitation to their Disley meeting on September 24th in exchange for the hospitality extended to them at Bollington in July. Attention was also drawn to the fact that the next meeting of the Macclesfield Branch will be held at Chelford on Saturday, November 12th, whilst the first annual dinner of the Guild is to take place at Crewe on Saturday, October 15th.

A vote of thanks to the Rector for presiding at the meeting and for conducting and arranging the service was proposed by Mr. Slack, seconded by Mr. Taylor, after which further use was made of the bells until 8.30 p.m., when the gathering dispersed.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

A VISITOR FROM CANADA.

The quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held on Saturday, September 3rd, at All Saints' Church, Sedgley, Staffs, where the fine old peal of bells, placed at the disposal of the visitors, were kept merrily going. Service in church was attended by a good muster of members, the usual Guild form being used. The assistant priest (the Rev. — Larkin) officiated and gave a very instructive address.

A substantial tea was served in the Schoolroom, and the usual business meeting followed. The Ringing Master (Mr. Alfred Davies) occupied the chair as the Rev. Larkin had to leave to fulfil another engagement. Before his departure, however, he said how pleased he was to be with the Guild that afternoon. He wished the Guild every success.

It was proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Old Hill, subject to the usual consent of the Vicar and local ringers being obtained.

Mr. Thomas Cox, of Halesowen, and Mr. Albert Cope, of Coseley, were elected members of the Guild, and it was also decided to attempt the quarterly peal at Sedgley, the usual arrangements being left with the Ringing Master.

A welcome visitor to the tea and meeting was Mr. A. C. Swindell (son of the late Vicar of Sedgley, the Rev. Dr. Swindell), who had been invited to join the members by the respected towerkeeper, Mr. Ben Fullwood. Mr. Swindell gave a brief but interesting account of the ringing done in Canada, from which country he had just returned after 35 years' residence there.

The Ringing Master proposed and Mr. P. Hemmings seconded a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Sedgley (the Rev. H. Marley) for his kindness in giving permission to hold the meeting at Sedgley and for the use of the tower and bells; also to the Rev. Larkin for conducting the service and for his address in the absence of the Vicar, who is on holiday. Thanks were also accorded to Mr. Marsh for presiding at the organ, to the donors of the tea, and to the ladies for preparing and serving the meal. The Guild is always well treated at Sedgley, where Mr. and Mrs. Fullwood look after their welfare and comfort. Further ringing took place in the evening.

SITUATION WANTED.

KEEN RINGER, 8, 10, 12 bells. Young married man seeks job, any capacity; experienced gardener, groundsman, or nursery work.—Box R., 'The Ringing World' Office, Lower Pyrford Road, Woking, Surrey.

PEAL NOTES.

THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE TOUR.

The party of twelve who made a peal ringing tour in Gloucestershire last week scored eleven successes in their fourteen attempts. They rang one peal of Stedman Cinques, two peals of London Surprise Major, two of Bristol, two of Cambridge, one of Yorkshire, one of Superlative and two in four Spliced Surprise Major methods.

Neither of the three peals lost was the fault of the ringers. At Stroud, on the Monday morning, a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal had been going 2¾ hours when the wire holding one of the clock hammers broke and let the hammer back on to the second.

On Wednesday morning at Prestbury the tenor rope broke, after an hour and a half of Cambridge Major; and at Tewkesbury Abbey on Friday afternoon, in another attempt for Yorkshire Royal, the tenor became unringable after an hour and a quarter. Inspection showed that the bearings were dry. Restoration work is going on on the tower, and the bells seem to have been neglected. The visitors had spent three-quarters of an hour in giving attention to the ropes before they began ringing.

Cambridge University Guild concluded on Saturday their annual week of ringing, which took place this year in the west. They scored five peals, including a handbell peal, the tower-bell peals being rung at St. Briavels, Gloucestershire; Clifford, Herefordshire; Llanfigan, Breconshire; and Lugwardine, Herefordshire.

After the peal at Prittlewell on Saturday, the tenor man asked, rather indignantly, 'How long was that, about 7,000?' On checking the figures the conductor found that 5,184 changes had been rung, not 5,040 as had been intended. The tenor man was probably still more indignant when he found that the extra time meant his just missing a train, and finding, at 12.30 a.m., that his only means of getting home was to walk a distance of about 13 miles.

The peal of Bob Major rung at Chiddingfold, Surrey, on Saturday, was arranged as a dual wedding compliment. On the preceding Saturday the wedding had taken place at Chiddingfold of Mr. A. C. Bartlett (son of Mr. A. J. Bartlett, captain of the local band) and Miss Jean Swanton, while on Saturday Mr. Raymond Overy, now of Haywards Heath, Sussex, was married at Haslemere at the church where he learned to ring. Before starting for the peal at Chiddingfold, most of the band took part in the wedding ringing at Haslemere.

Mr. Alec R. Wardman rang his first peal on September 8th, the treble to four methods of Doubles, at Wigmore, Herefordshire. It was arranged as a compliment to him for his assistance to the local band.

A peal of Stedman Caters at Beddington on Saturday enabled Mr. F. E. Collins to complete peals on all the bells in the tower twice over.

Messrs. Roland and Norman Park, of Darlington, Co. Durham, spent a week's holiday in ringing in Notts, Staffs and Leicestershire. They rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Loughborough Bell Foundry on September 6th, Stedman Triples at Burton-on-Trent on the 7th, and the following day took part in a peal of Double Norwich at St. Peter's Church, Nottingham.

Mr. W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley, Essex, took part in a peal of Minor at Great Bromley on Saturday. He first rang in that tower in January, 1882.

The birthday of Miss Ida Thompson, of Nottingham, hon. secretary of the Sherwood Youths, and a district secretary of the Ladies' Guild, was celebrated on Saturday by a peal of Grandsire Triples at Daybrook.

YOUTH AND AGE.

Youth and age participated in a peal of Minor in seven methods at Acle, Norfolk, on Saturday. Brenda Bayles, aged 14 years, rang the treble, and her brother, Denis, aged 16, rang the 9½ cwt. tenor. In the band, also, was Mr. John R. Wilkinson, aged 73. The peal was called by Denis Bayles, and for all three of the ringers mentioned it was the first extents of Double Oxford, Double Court and Oxford Treble Bob, except that Denis had previously rung the treble to the last named. Altogether it was a good performance. The peal celebrated the silver wedding of the Rector of Acle and Mrs. Williams.

To welcome the new Rector of Draycott, Staffordshire, members of the North Staffs Association rang a peal of Grandsire Doubles there on August 30th.

The keen young band at East Budleigh, Devon, achieved a well-merited success on September 6th, when, with Mr. C. R. Lilley as conductor, they scored a peal of Grandsire Doubles, which, for four of them, was their first peal. The striking was excellent and it is hoped they will now go on to Minor methods.

This peal at East Budleigh was the third peal of Grandsire Doubles called by Mr. Lilley in a week, the others being the first peal on the bells at Kenn, arranged for Mr. J. Powlesland, of Lytchett Matravers, Dorset, and a peal at Upton Pyne. A curious coincidence about these three peals was that in each case the fifth and tenor were rung by brothers belonging to the local tower.

Three members of the Hinckley District of the Midland Counties Association rang a handbell peal of Doubles in three methods on September 7th at Burbage, Leicestershire. It was a case, part of the time at any rate, of Stedman at 'Stedman,' for one of the methods was Stedman and the house in which the peal was rung is named after the method (or the man).

The peal of Grandsire Triples at Blandford, Dorset, on September 7th, was arranged for the Rev. J. E. L. Tredennick, who was staying in Bournemouth. Messrs. C. F. Turner and S. E. Andrews were brought in to complete the band, and great credit is due to them for the manner in which they rang after a lapse of many years.

To celebrate the 79th birthday of Mr. Samuel Tooke, father of Mr. Henry Tooke, of Wymondham, Norfolk, a peal of Double Norwich was rung at that church on September 5th.

Mr. Lewis Bywaters rang his 70th peal when that fine old Bedfordshire stalwart, Mr. Charles W. Clarke, called a peal in seven Minor methods at Sharnbrook on September 3rd.

Three peals in three days were rung in Breconshire, arranged for Messrs. Leslie Evans and William J. Preece, of Herefordshire, who were visiting Telgarth.

The first, rung on September 3rd, was the first peal of Bob Minor on the bells. The next, on Sunday, September 4th, was Grandsire Triples at Glasbury-on-Wye. It was Mr. H. T. Chandler's 25th peal, and celebrated the centenary of the back six bells, cast in 1838 by Jeffries and Rice, of Bristol. This firm cast bells between the years 1832 and 1854. The third peal was in two methods of Doubles at St. David's, Brecon. Quite a successful little excursion.

Mr. Walter Ayre rang his 225th peal as conductor when he called the first peal in 24 Surprise Minor methods for the Herts County Association and all the band, at Apsley End, on September 25th. There were 103 changes of method in the course of the peal and it was rung at the first attempt. It looks as if Lincolnshire and Cheshire have a serious rival in the South.

IN MEMORY OF FORMER COLLEAGUES.

Eight members of the General Committee of the Yorkshire Association paid a tribute to four of their former colleagues, who have passed away during this year, by ringing a half-muffled peal of Superlative Surprise Major at St. Chad's, Headingley, on Saturday. The four deceased members were Messrs. F. Clark, hon. secretary of the Southern Division, A. E. West and B. E. Webb, former vice-presidents, and F. Hoopwood, formerly secretary of the Western Division.

This was the first peal of Surprise by a band composed entirely of officers of the Yorkshire Association. The name of the president, Canon C. C. Marshall, should be associated with this performance, as he was the prime mover, but was prevented by illness from taking part in the peal. The band wish to thank Canon Marshall for placing his bells at their disposal and for his kind hospitality after the peal.

Mr. John Wheeldon, of North Staffs, has been a ringer for over 50 years, and a peal of Bob Major in his honour was rung at Longton, Staffs, on Saturday. Mr. Edward Steele completed the circle in this tower to peals.

A peal of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles on Saturday at Ticknall, Derbyshire, to celebrate the coming of age of Mr. C. A. Jenney, of Calke Abbey, was rung by a local band, except for Mr. J. Hough. Two members rang their first peal, and it was only the second peal by the conductor, Mr. F. Hulse. After the peal the ringers were entertained to tea and congratulated by Mrs. H. E. H. Mosley and Mrs. Jenney.

Mr. Maurice Swinfield, who has called so many different compositions of Stedman Triples, conducted a new one of his own, an irregular twenty-part, at Burton-on-Trent on September 7th, on the occasion of a visit of Messrs. Roland and Norman Park.

A correspondent made an error in his reference to the peal at Barnsley rung on September 3rd. It was for the wedding of Mr. S. Panther and Miss Procter (not Miss Butterfield), who were married at St. George's Church (and not St. Mary's Church), Barnsley, on September 1st.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHERN BRANCH AT LOUTH.

A meeting of the Grimsby District of the Northern Branch was held at Louth on Saturday, September 3rd. The weather was far from pleasant, but a fair number of ringers turned up, the following towers being represented: Burton-on-Stather, Burton-on-Humber, Bigby, Alford, Grimsby, Mablethorpe, Scunthorpe, Ulceby, Waltham and the local members, with ringing friends from Lincoln and Treeton. The grand peal of eight, with its 30 cwt. tenor, was kept going during the afternoon and evening.

The service was conducted by the Rev. John Swaby (curate), who in the course of his address welcomed the members to Louth. The Guild service was heartily sung, Mr. Macrow kindly presiding at the organ.

After service members adjourned to Hanson's Cafe for tea, 30 sitting down. In the absence of the president (Ven. Archdeacon Parry), the Rev. J. Swaby was voted to the chair.

Mr. T. Avory, of Louth, was elected as a performing member.

The Chairman referred to the presence of Mr. G. Foster, of Louth, who for many years was a ringer of the Parish Church and also a sidesman —Mr. Foster said how glad he was to be amongst them. He first joined the Guild in 1888. The steps were now too many for him to climb, so he had to content himself with staying down below.

The collection for the District Bell Fund amounted to 7s. 0½d.

Mr. J. Bray proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells; to the Rev. John Swaby for conducting the service and for his excellent address; to the organist and caterers; and Mr. A. E. Hoodless and others, who had kindly made the arrangements. —The motion was seconded by Mr. E. Brittain and carried with acclamation.

The Rev. J. Swaby, in responding, said they had not at Louth many members in the Guild, but he hoped they would soon have more.

Further ringing then took place and the bells were lowered at 8.30 p.m. after another pleasant meeting.

ELEMENTARY METHOD CONSTRUCTION.

MINOR BUILDING FOR BEGINNERS.

The construction of Minor methods is more complicated than Doubles, for the reason, of course, that there are six bells instead of five, which not only multiplies the number of changes obtainable, but also extends enormously the ways in which methods can be produced.

To go extensively into this, however, would not only require much more space than is available for this article, but would take it outside the scope of an elementary explanation for beginners.

Methods of Doubles and Minor have one thing in common in their construction, as have methods on all numbers of bells—the basic rule is to change as many pairs of bells as possible each time a move is made. In Doubles, two pairs of bells can be moved at each change. In Minor there are three pairs of bells, but, while they can all be moved at one change, they cannot all be moved at the next, otherwise, of course, the previous change will be reproduced. Therefore, in Minor the basis of construction is the movement of three pairs of bells and two pairs of bells alternately, thus:—

	123456
Three pairs	214365
Two pairs	241635
Three pairs	426153
Two pairs	462513

and so on. If this process is continued, the complete hunting course comes back to rounds in twelve changes. It will be noticed in this illustration that when two pairs only are changed, they are consistently the middle pairs, with the bell in front and the bell behind remaining in position.

But a moment's thought will show that there are other means of changing two pairs; it need not necessarily be the bell in front and the bell behind that 'lie still.' It can be first and second, or first and fourth; or third and sixth, or fifth and sixth, as well as first and sixth; and in addition there is another pair that can lie still, namely, 3rd and 4th, leaving the movement to be effected by the front and back pairs. Here in figures are the various ways in which the changes are affected by the different pairs of bells:—

123456	123456	123456
124365	132465	132546
123456	123456	123456
213546	214356	213465

Without going into the possibilities of substituting the movement of two pairs only where movement of three pairs normally takes place, it will be seen that the substitution of one or other of the transpositions given above, when a two-pair move has to be made, enables a tremendous variety of methods to be produced.

The simpler methods are those which maintain the treble as a plain hunting bell throughout. This puts a certain amount of limitation upon what can be done, especially when coupled with another recognised condition of construction, that there must be a 'place' made (that is, a bell lying still) when the treble is hunting down to correspond exactly with any place made when the treble is hunting up.

If no place is made when the treble is hunting up or down, there must be a place made when the treble leads, or the bells will come round.

In the first example following we see the treble hunting up and down without a place; in the second we see a place made (in 4th's) as it hunts up and a corresponding one as it hunts down.

123456	123456
214365	214365
241635	241356
426153	423165
462513	432615
645231	346251
654321	364521
563412	635412
536142	653142
351624	561324
315264	516342
132546	153624

Now, unless a place is made in the first, when the treble completes its lead, the next change will be rounds. The second example, however, does not necessarily need a place made in order to carry it on. If bell No. 3 lies still in the first you get this:—

132546
135264

If no bell lies still in the 2nd you get

153624
135264

The 2nd's place in the former is really a connecting link between the successive leads which make the plain course; and while in the second example it is not imperative to have this link, it can nevertheless be inserted and the same plain course constructed with the leads in a different order. In the same way, if a bell lies still in 5th's place when the treble is behind, it forms a similar connecting link and the same changes are produced, but again in a different order.

Thus you have these facts. Different places made when the treble is hunting up or down will produce different sets of changes for a plain course; fifth's place, as an addition, when the treble is behind, or 2nd's when it is in front (or both 5th's and 2nd's), will produce the same set of changes in the plain course, but in differing orders.

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LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A meeting will be held at Rothwell to-morrow (Saturday).—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Worsley Road, Leeds.

LADIES' GUILD.—A special meeting will be held at Dunstable on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea. All ringers invited. Will London District members who are coming please communicate with Mrs. Fletcher, who will send time of departure?—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, South Shore, Blackpool, on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business at 5 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool S.S.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rawmarsh on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Short service in Church at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, at 1s. per head. Business meeting immediately after tea.—J. J. L. Gilbert, Div. Sec., 25a, St. Joseph's Road, Sheffield 9.

LADIES GUILD (Northern Section) AND CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting will be held at Bedale on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (8, tenor 24 cwt.) available for ringing. Tea at the Royal Oak Hotel at 5 p.m. All ringers and friends are welcome.—L. Kathleen Bowling, Vice-President; J. Reed, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Dunmow on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Don't miss this opportunity of a ring on this very fine peal of eight.—Hilda G. Snowden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Belle Vue, Hedingham Road, Halstead, Essex.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Rotherfield (8 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—O. Sippetts, 10, Albany Road, Crawley, Sussex.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Harborne on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service in Church 4.15. Tea at 5, followed by business meeting, at which next year's officers will be elected.—J. S. Mason, Branch Sec., 19, Broadwell Road, Oldbury, near Birmingham.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Tea 5 p.m. — P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Cross-Stone, Todmorden, on Saturday, September 17th. Everyone welcome.—I. Kay, Branch Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Limpsfield Chart on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers very welcome.—R. A. Tuffin, Hon. Dis. Sec., 65, Blackborough Road, Reigate, Surrey.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—A meeting will be held at Dronfield, Sheffield, on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells available 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea notify Mr. B. Marples, Green Dragon, Dronfield, Sheffield? Subscriptions are due. — J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The Burton District are revisiting the picturesque village of Lullington on Saturday, Sept. 17th. The beautiful toned bells will be available at 2.45 p.m., and a very short service will be held at 4.20, followed by tea at 4.45 p.m. Ideal opportunity for members of the N.U.T.G. and members of other districts and associations should not miss this treat —J. W. Cotton, Dis. Sec., Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting is to be held at Bulkington (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided at a moderate charge.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.—Book this date, Saturday, Nov. 5th. Annual dinner of East Derbyshire and Notts Association. The quarterly meeting will be held at Crich on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. A good attendance is requested. —J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Whitefield, on Saturday, September 17th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock.—J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The meeting arranged for Harrold, on September 17th, has been unavoidably cancelled.—Frank C. Tysoe, 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

BERRIEW, MONTGOMERYSHIRE. — The ring of six bells, rehung by John Taylor and Co., will be reopened on Sunday, Sept. 18th, at 11 a.m. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of St. Asaph.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637). — Meetings for September, at 7.30 p.m., Southwark Cathedral, 20th; *St. Mary-le-Bow, 27th; St. Magnus', 29th. *Business meeting after.—A. B. Peck, Sec., Branksome, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A practice meeting will be held at St. Giles', Cripplegate (12 bells), on Wednesday, Sept. 21st. Ringing from 7.30 to 9 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Deane and Church Oakley on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in Deane Church at 4 p.m. All requiring tea please notify by Sept. 21st to the Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Deane Rectory, Overton.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Wigan on Saturday, Sept. 24th. The preacher will be the Lord Bishop of Liverpool (Dr. David). Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker and T. Wilson, Hon. Secs.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A meeting will be held at Bramley and Wonersh on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells of both towers available from 3 p.m. Service at Bramley 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. C. Mitchell, Pine Cottage, Linersh Wood, Bramley, Surrey, not later than Sept. 21st?—W. F. J. Cope, Hon. Dis. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The next general meeting will be held at York on Saturday, Sept. 24th, when the ring of 12 bells (tenor 60 cwt.) at the Minster will be available from 2.15 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. The ring of six at SS. Philip and James, Clifton, will also be available from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Dean of York, the Very Rev. H. N. Bate, D.D., extends a hearty invitation to Evensong in the Minster at 4 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d.) will be served in the Feasegate Cafe and Restaurant, Feasegate, at 5 p.m., and all who require same *must* notify Mr. G. Horner, 91, Clifton Green, York, by the first post on Thursday, Sept. 22nd. The general meeting will be held immediately afterwards on the same premises. As the agenda will include very important business, it is hoped that a large and representative gathering will be present.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — General quarterly meeting at Wirksworth, Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (8) open all afternoon. Committee 4 p.m. Meat tea 5 p.m. in Parish Room. All those wishing for tea must notify Mr. B. Greatorex, 6, Coldwell Street, Wirksworth, not later than Thursday, 22nd.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Chalfont St. Giles (6 bells) on Saturday, September 24th, at 3.20 p.m. Tea for those who notify me not later than September 19th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch. — A meeting will be held at Harphood, near Sidmouth, on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m., also Ottery St. Mary (8). All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., 9, Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Epworth on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells available 2.15 p.m. to 9 p.m. (except during service, tea and meeting). Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at a moderate charge, to those who inform Rev. O. Mordaunt Burrows, The Vicarage, Epworth, near Doncaster, by the Wednesday previous. Come and try this fine peal.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Epsom Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells available from 3 o'clock and again in the evening. Tea in the Church Room at 5.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to be sent to Mr. P. T. Cooper, 62, Station Road, Epsom, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 21st. All ringers and friends welcome. — F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The seventh annual dinner will be held at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Tything, Worcester, on Saturday, Sept. 24th, at 6 p.m. *prompt*. Chairman: The Very Rev. Arthur Davies, D.Litt., Dean of Worcester. Tickets, 3s. each, obtainable from branch master and secretaries, Dinner Committee or general secretary until Tuesday, Sept. 20th. Will holders of tickets please make return of number sold by first post Wednesday, Sept. 21st? Bells available: All Saints' (10), St. John's (8), Claines (8) and St. Nicholas (6), all 3.30 to 5.30 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Shenstone on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.45, with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. H. Townsend Blake. Tea (1s.) at the Fox and Hounds Inn at 5.30. Please send word by Tuesday, 20th inst. Reports ready for distribution. — H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — South Norfolk Branch.—All members are invited to be with us at Starston on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Preacher, the Ven. Archdeacon of Norwich. Tea 5.15 p.m., at King George's Hall, Harleston. Meeting follows. Special evening attraction (after meeting), Redenhall bells (8) and Pulham St. Mary (8). That tea card I did *not* receive last time, please, by 21st. Roll up again, Suffolk friends, we are on the border.—A. G. Harrison, 90, Denmark Street, Diss.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gulval, Penzance. Dedication of the recast octave (Taylor) on Saturday, September 24th, at 2.30 p.m., by the Suffragan Bishop, Dr. Holden. Ringing from 3.15. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea (9d., 4.30 to 5.30) notify W. Wood, Chyandauner, Gulval, on or before the 21st.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The 61st annual festival will be held in Newcastle on Saturday, September 24th, when the bells of the Cathedral and St. John's will be available from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. A committee meeting will be held in the Crown Hotel at 3.30 p.m., followed by service in the choir of the Cathedral at 5 p.m., with an address by the Provost (Rev. G. E. Brigstocke, M.A.). Dinner will be served in the Crown Hotel at a cost of 2s. 6d. per head, followed by the annual general meeting. All those whose intention it is to be present are requested to acquaint me of the fact by the morning of Wednesday, September 21st, at latest, otherwise accommodation cannot be guaranteed, which please note.—Roland Park, Hon. Sec., 23, Oaklands Terrace, Darlington.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the branch will be held at Upton St. Leonards on Saturday, September 24th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.15. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by the 20th inst.?—W. H. Harris, Branch Hon. Sec., 4, G.W.R. Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ashby Folville on September 24th. Bells (8) will be available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who send their names to me on or before September 22nd.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ashford on Saturday, September 24th. Bells ready 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Steventon on Saturday, September 24th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.30 p.m. Please notify by the 21st for tea.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at Neston (8 bells) on Saturday, September 24th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arlesey on Saturday, September 24th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good train and bus service. Please come. Let's have a good meeting.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—A joint meeting with the Ely Diocesan Association, Wisbech Branch, will be held at Tydd St. Mary on Saturday, September 24th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let Mr. G. Ladd, Pinchbeck, Spalding, know by Sept. 20th?—Geo. Ladd and W. W. Cousins, Hon. Secs.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield and Stockport Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Disley on Saturday, September 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, please advise Mr. J. A. Milner, 4, Hollinwood Road, Disley. New Mills bells will be available after tea.—C. Kenneth Lewis, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Frampton on Saturday, September 24th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, short meeting to follow. Cattistock (8) and Maiden Newton (6) bells also available. Kindly notify early for tea.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 3, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — A meeting will be held at Uttoxeter (8 bells) on Saturday, September 24th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea kindly notify Mr. E. Roberts, 46, Ashbourne Road, Uttoxeter, Staffs, not later than September 21st. Cheshire and Midland Counties ringers heartily invited.—Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Marshfield on Saturday, September 24th. Bells (8) open from 3. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—Please remember postcard for tea.—R. C. Gifford, Gifford House, Frampton Cotterell, near Bristol.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Collingtree on Saturday, September 24th. Usual arrangements; no card, no tea.—J. Dean, 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Iwerne Minster postponed from September 17th to September 24th. All visitors welcome.—Rev. M. Uphill, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Winwick on Saturday, September 24th. Hameston bells also available. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Winwick 5 p.m.—H. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Trevethin, Pontypool, Mon. on Saturday, October 1st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, 94, Alteryn View, Newport, Mon.

ANNUAL DINNER.—The third annual dinner of the Surrey Association will be held at 6.30 p.m. at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on October 1st next. The bells of the Parish Church (12) and of St. Peter's (10) will be available from 3.30 to 5.45 p.m. Ladies and other friends are invited, and the cost is 5s. 6d. per head. Tickets are available from the district officers, or application, with remittance, may be made to the assistant secretary, Mr. J. Hobden, 12, Green Lane, Belmont. Applications should be made as soon as possible, in any case not later than the 24th instant.—E. G. Talbot, Hon. Sec., 8, The Ridgeway, Croydon.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND THE ESSEX AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting will be held on Saturday, October 1st. Ringing at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, from 2.45 to 4.45 p.m., also at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m., and at St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C., from 7 to 9 p.m. Service at St Leonard's Church at 4.45 p.m. Meat tea, 1s. 3d. each, at the Express Dairy Depot, 196, Shoreditch High Street, at 5.15 p.m. Please advise Mr. N. Summerhayes, 28, Bean Road, Bexley Heath, Kent, by September 28th. And please don't forget. All ringers welcomed.—N. Summerhayes, E. J. Butler and C. T. Coles, Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, October 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will take place at Great Holland (8 bells) on Saturday, October 1st. Bells will be available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.15. Will all those intending to be present please let me know as soon as possible and not later than September 29th?—R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Hotel, Wivenhoe.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Cathedral Church of St. Philip, Birmingham, on Saturday, October 1st. Ringing from 3.30 to 5 p.m., to be followed by tea. Full choral service at 6 p.m. Business meeting in Cathedral belfry afterwards. Further ringing to follow. Please notify regarding tea not later than 28th inst.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Rye on Saturday, October 1st. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. per head). Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by Wednesday previous to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 13, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, October 1st, at Wellington. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Southern Division will be held at Maresfield on Saturday, October 1st. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.) allowed to members. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea, price 1s., 5 p.m. Buxted bells will be available after tea. Please inform me of your intention to be present before September 28th.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton 6.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Waterfoot, on Saturday, October 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. A short service will be held in church, after which the Vicar is arranging for tea to be provided (at moderate charge), followed by the usual short business meeting. It is hoped you will appreciate the privilege of again using these bells (after so long a period), and turn up, not forgetting to send your name in for tea to the Vicar, The Vicarage, Waterfoot, before Wednesday, September 28th.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

LAUNCESTON, ST. MARY'S, CORNWALL.—The re-dedication of the bells will take place on Thursday, October 6th, at 7.30 p.m. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Truro. A recast ring of eight by John Taylor and Co.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The seventeenth commemoration dinner will take place at Ye Olde Castle Restaurant, Exchange Street, Sheffield, on Saturday, October 8th, at 6 p.m. prompt. The bells of the Cathedral (12) and St. Marie's (R.C.) (8) will be available from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., and Ranmoor (10) from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Visitors may attempt a peal at Handsworth (8, tenor 12 cwt.), starting not later than 2 p.m., by applying to Mr. F. Watkinson, 8, Bramley Drive, Sheffield, 9. Tickets (4s. each) may be had from the divisional secretaries up to Tuesday, October 4th, or from Sidney F. Palmer, Local Sec., 4, Quarry Road, Totley, near Sheffield.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — The first annual dinner will be held in Crewe, on Saturday, October 15th. Tickets 3s. each, obtainable before October 8th from H. Parker, 3, London Road, Davenham, Cheshire.

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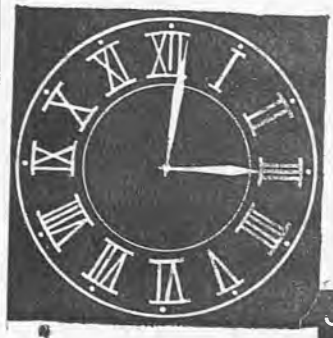
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