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### NORWICH ASSOCIATION'S FUTURE.

When the Norwich Diocesan Association holds its first post-war annual meeting early next month it will have to decide a question as important as any with which it has been confronted in its history. Shortly before the war, it will be remembered, the Dioceses of Norwich and Ely were each shorn of a portion of their area and a new diocese, that of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, formed, this latter being now approximately coterminous with the county of Suffolk. The Norwich Diocese lost the Archdeaconry of Suffolk, and the Ely Diocese the Archdeaconry of Sudbury. The towers in Suffolk had, to a large extent, owed allegiance to the Associations covering the dioceses in which they were respectively situated, but the division of the ecclesiastical areas confronted the associations with the question of deciding upon their own future—whether they should each remain as they were, or cut off the Suffolk towers to form a new Association.

Already Ely has decided the question, and retains its old territorial limits, with the expanded title of the Ely and St. Edmundsbury Diocesan Association. When the members of the Norwich Association meet at Norwich in a fortnight's time, they will have to decide whether or not they will follow Ely's example. In view of the opinion which has been expressed at various Suffolk meetings, there is not much doubt what the decision will be, for there have been strong expressions in favour of maintaining the present status and extending the title, instead of curtailing the area. After all, this is a matter which concerns chiefly the Suffolk members, and if they desire to remain attached to their confreres of Norfolk that obviously is the best solution. So far we have heard of no opposition to the suggestion among ringers that the two counties should remain united, but we understand that in other high quarters there is a distinct desire for an independent association for the new diocese.

We have no doubt that Suffolk could form a very live and efficient ringing organisation if it so desired, but the Sudbury Archdeaconry members having precipitated matters by having already decided to remain within the fold of the Ely Association, there seems no grounds for suggesting that the ringers in the Archdeaconry of Suffolk should break their allegiance with Norwich. A St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association would be shorn of a valuable portion if it was unable to embrace the Archdeaconry of Sudbury, and the fact that this Archdeaconry is already committed to its future policy is a strong argument in favour of Suffolk doing the same thing, despite the desires of those who would like to see the new diocese with an association of its own. It is, however, as

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we have said, a question of 'self-determination,' and one in which the members must make their own decision. If the official suggestion of retaining the present geographical area is carried, there is already drawn up a set of proposals for giving the two counties each a large measure of home rule, which should put a good deal of new life into the organisation. What its title will be, however, remains to be seen, for the Ely Association has already annexed 'St. Edmundsbury.' Will it be 'Norwich and Ipswich Diocesan Association'? Whatever it may be we hope it will not drop its 'diocesan' connection.

### TEN BELL PEALS.

EYESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION  
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, September 10, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
AT THE BELL TOWER,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 8003 CHANCES;

Tenor 31½ cwt. in C sharp.

FRANK JINKS ... .. Treble	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 6
HARRY MIDDLETON ... .. 2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... .. 7
JAMES HEMMING ... .. 3	HENRY J. PHIPPS ... .. 8
GEORGE HINTON, JUN. ... 4	GORDON W. CHECKETTS ... 9
WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 5	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE.

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

Rung as a farewell peal to the conductor who is shortly sailing for India. The composition now rung for the first time, has the 6th the extent behind the 9th and 8th, alternately 12 courses in the titlums and handstroke home positions.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD, AND THE  
DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Saturday, September 13, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANCES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

ALBERT E. BLUNDELL ... Treble	BERT HORTON ... .. 6
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... .. 2	JOHN BARBER ... .. 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 3	JESSE SCREEN ... .. 8
WILLIAM FISHER ... .. 4	WILLIAM A. COOPER ... 9
HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 5	BENJAMIN GOUGH ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by WILLIAM A. COOPER.

Rung after meeting short for Stedman Cinques. First peal of Caters as conductor. 150th peal.

WIMBORNE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 13, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERTA,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5014 CHANCES;

Tenor 29 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

EDWIN HORREX ... .. Treble	FRED W. TOWNSEND ... .. 6
WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. 2	THOMAS F. KING ... .. 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 3	SAMUEL T. HECTOR ... .. 8
PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... .. 4	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 9
A. F. MARTIN STEWART ... 5	CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. A. CAVE.

Rung in honour of the birthday of the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, the esteemed Secretary of the Guild. The ringers of the treble and 4th were elected members of the Guild before starting.

FENNY STRATFORD, BUCKS. — On Sunday, August 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 43 mins.: G. Groves 1, J. W. Searcy 2, J. Brooks 3, Flight-Sgt. T. Best, R.A.F., 4, C. W. Smith (conductor) 5, P.O. J. Washbrook 6. Arranged for T. Best, home on leave.

SIMPSON, BUCKS. — On Sunday, August, 24th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 47 mins.: W. E. Coles 1, J. W. Searcy 2, G. Groves 3, J. Brooks 4, C. W. Smith (conductor) 5. Rung with the bells half-muffled immediately after the dedication, by the Rector, of a memorial tablet erected in the church in memory of J. H. Jones, a member of the local company, killed in action at Hamel on April 5th, 1918.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.  
THE ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Friday, September 5, 1919, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints.

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;**

Tenor 7½ cwt.	
E. M. ATKINS ... .. Treble	J. BUTLER ... .. 5
JOHN B. WOOLLEY ... .. 2	REV. R. L. B. OLIVER ... .. 6
R. O. STREET ... .. 3	T. R. DENNIS ... .. 7
W. H. J. HOOTON ... .. 4	A. E. WILKINS ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

\* First peal.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.  
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Friday, September 5, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints.

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Tenor 7½ cwt.	
REV. H. B. WOOLLEY ... .. Treble	REV. E. B. JAMES (Caius) ... .. 5
(Fitzwilliam Hall) ... .. 2	R. O. STREET (Joh.) ... .. 6
E. M. ATKINS (Cath.) ... .. 3	REV. H. L. JAMES (Caius) ... .. 7
J. H. R. FREEBORN (Clare) ... .. 4	C. W. O. JENKYN (Trin.) ... .. Tenor
A. E. WILKINS (Trin.) ... .. 4	

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

Rung with the bells fully muffled in memory of William Douglas James, Pembroke College, who was killed in action in France, September, 25th, 1915.

WILLESDEN GREEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND THE  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 6, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary.

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 10 cwt.	
ALBERT W. COLES ... .. Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 5
ARTHUR MASON ... .. 2	WILLIAM PYE ... .. 6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 3	HARRY KILBY ... .. 7
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 4	WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... .. Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First peal in the method, also the first peal in the method on the bells.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
At St. Andrew's Church.

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

HOLT'S FIVE-PART, No. 2. Tenor 23½ cwt. in E flat.	
ALBERT TOUT ... .. Treble	HENRY NORMAN ... .. 5
JOSEPH MADDOCK ... .. 2	ARCHIBALD ANDREWS ... .. 6
ROBERT SCOTT ... .. 3	HENRY BOSLEY ... .. 7
EDWARD LLOYD ... .. 4	WILLIAM WHITE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH MADDOCK.

BARTON-LE-CLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1919, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Nicholas.

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

Tenor 18 cwt.	
RICHARD KENDALL ... .. Treble	EDWARD WHITE ... .. 5
HERBERT L. HARLOW ... .. 2	PEARL INSKIP ... .. 6
ALFRED KING ... .. 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... .. 7
MORACE H. SMITH ... .. 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON.

Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN.

\* First peal of Major as conductor No. 116 C.C. Collection. The band take this opportunity of thanking the Rev. J. H. Spokes for kindly providing tea for them before the peal on this and a previous occasion.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter.

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 25½ cwt.	
WILLIAM PALMER ... .. Treble	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 5
ARTHUR H. WHITE ... .. 2	JOHN W. GOLDING ... .. 6
WILLIAM WATTS ... .. 3	KEITH HART ... .. 7
ALBERT D. STONE ... .. 4	WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1919, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
At the Church of the Holy Cross.

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

Tenor 12 cwt.	
ROBERT J. DAWE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... .. 5
HERBERT RANN ... .. 2	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 6
GEORGE W. STOKES ... .. 3	JAMES HART ... .. 7
ALFRED CRIPPS ... .. 4	HENRY STALHAM ... .. Tenor

Composed by the late CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal in the method.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1919, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints.

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.	
EDGAR GRISE ... .. Treble	EDWIN J. RIDLER ... .. 5
PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... .. 2	HARRY BROWNJOHN ... .. 6
ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 3	GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. ... .. 7
ARTHUR SEVIOUR ... .. 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

\* First peal of Double Norwich; and first in the method on the bells.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1919, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mark.

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.	
F. GRUNDY ... .. Treble	P. H. DERBYSHIRE ... .. 5
F. STONELEY ... .. 2	W. PENNINGTON ... .. 6
T. LINGARD ... .. 3	J. POTTER ... .. 7
W. JONES ... .. 4	J. EDGE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. POTTER.

\* First peal in the method. The ringer of the 2nd hails from Miles Platting, 3rd and tenor from Pendlebury, 6th from Bolton, 7th from Walkden, the rest belong to the local company. This peal was rung after the marriage of Mr. J. H. Ridyard (a member of the local company) and Miss A. Williams. It was also a birthday peal for the conductor.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 6, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Leonard.

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... .. Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 5
THOMAS J. SALTER ... .. 2	ALFRED DAVIES ... .. 6
JOHN BASS ... .. 3	JOHN WITHERS ... .. 7
SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 4	WILLIAM SHORT ... .. Tenor

Composed by the late N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.



EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,

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

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.  
Tenor 18½ cwt.

EDWARD MALLARD ... .. Treble	BENJAMIN HOBBS... .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... .. 2	EDWARD W. BRAY ... .. 6
GEORGE PENFOLD ... .. 3	ARTHUR D. BARKER ... .. 7
ARTHUR GOWER ... .. 4	THOMAS H. DEADMAN... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

First peal in the method on the bells.

HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, September 7, 1919, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
At the Church of SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 21½ cwt.

CHARLES G. BOWKETT ... Treble	GEORGE HINTON, JUN. ... 5
FRANCIS W. NEATE ... .. 2	GORDON W. CHECKETTS ... 6
WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 3	WILLIAM LEWIS ... .. 7
CPL. JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

This was Cpl. Johnson's 50th peal and first peal of Treble Bob Major.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 8, 1919, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
At the Parish Church of St. Mary, Old Town,

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

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM D. SMITH ... Treble	BENJAMIN HOBBS... .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	EDWARD W. BRAY ... .. 6
ARTHUR GOWER ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 7
ARTHUR D. BARKER ... .. 4	THOMAS H. DEADMAN... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 11, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
At Christ Church,

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

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

GEORGE PENFOLD ... Treble	ERNEST GOWER ... .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	GEORGE W. STOKES ... .. 6
ARTHUR D. BARKER ... .. 3	EDWARD W. BRAY ... .. 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4	THOMAS H. DEADMAN... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, September 12, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Matthew, Upper Clapton,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in F.

ALBERT A. HUGHES ... Treble	REUBEN SANDERS ... .. 5
JOHN THOMAS ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... 6
WILLIAM J. KEMP ... .. 3	ALFRED B. PECK ... .. 7
HARRY R. PASMORE ... .. 4	HERBERT LANGDON ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Rung on the occasion of the Hackney Borough Peace Celebrations.

FELSTED.—On Saturday, August 16th, at the Church of the Holy Cross, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: W. H. Farrow 1, J. T. Barker 2, W. J. Sadler 3, H. Emery 4, E. Clayden 5, G. Lindridge 6, G. F. Williams (conductor) 7, W. H. Hammond 8. First quarter peal on the bells.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

EAST BRIDGEFORD, NOTTS.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, July 22, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
At St. Peter's Church,

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

Being two 720's of Single Court, two of Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob, each called differently.

REV. A. D. HILL ... Treble	ARTHUR MACKEARS ... .. 4
SYDNEY PROCTOR ... .. 2	FRANK SPENCER ... .. 5
REV. C. J. STURTON ... .. 3	WALTER WHITE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.

This is the first peal on the bells, which were rehung about 5 years ago by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and was rung to celebrate Peace. The Rev. A. D. Hill is Rector of the Parish, the Rev. C. J. Sturton, Vicar of Orston, the other ringers belong to Grantham, Long Bennington, Radcliffe-on-Trent and Cotgrave respectively.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

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

Being 720 each of Double Court, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Bob Minor, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN SPENCER ... Treble	NORMAN R. BAILEY ... .. 4
WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN ... 2	FREDERICK J. SMITH ... .. 5
ALBERT J. LINCOLN ... .. 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

First peal in seven methods on the bells. This peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and a welcome home to him from France, he having been recently demobilised after over 3 years' service in the Royal Engineers.

HARLESTONE, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Andrew,

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

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 21 cwt.

FRED HOPPER ... Treble	SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE ... .. 4
J. WILFRED SHARP ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. ALLEN ... .. 5
THOMAS LAW ... .. 3	TOM TEBBUTT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

After the peal the ringers were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. J. W. Craddock, an enthusiastic member of the above belfry.

**FIVE BELL PEAL.**

BROADWAS, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 6, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

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

Being 2 Six-scores of Stedman, 16 Six-scores each of Canterbury and Plain Bob, and 8 Six-scores of Grandsire.

JOSEPH E. SYKES ... Treble	GORDON W. CHECKETTS ... 3
GEORGE HINTON, JUN. ... 2	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 4
WILLIAM LEWIS ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

The tenor is a pre-Reformation bell and this was the first peal on the bells.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, August 17th, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: G. Millen 1, \*F. Orris 2, \*N. E. Hope 3, E. Bridges 4, E. G. Lathall 5, T. Farley 6, S. Binfield (conductor) 7, J. Coppins 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the 2nd and 3rd. E. G. Lathall hails from Newport Pagnell, Bucks.

**THE RECAST PEAL AT PRESTWICH.****DEDICATION BY PRESIDENT OF LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

The dedication of the recast peal of eight bells at Prestwich was performed by the Rev. Canon Elsee (President of the Lancashire Association), and took place at evensong on August 30th. There were three special hymns, during the singing of the second of which the clergy and choir made their way to the west end of the church, the former to the ringing chamber, and the latter taking up a position under the tower. After the dedication and a few rounds on the bells by the local company, Canon Elsee gave a very interesting address, taking as his text 150th Psalm, 5th verse, 'Praise him on the loud cymbals: praise him on the well-tuned cymbals.' He mentioned that Prestwich bells had played a great part in the past, in celebrating our victories both on land and sea, including the taking of Porto Bello 1740, the taking of Carthage 1741, the victory of Dettingen 1743, the taking of Havannah 1762, Admiral Duncan's victory 1797; ringing for good news of downfall of Bonaparte 1815. At the conclusion of the service, a well-struck touch of Stedman Triples was rung by the following: J. W. Washbrook (Pendleton) 1, R. F. Deal (London) 2, W. Smith (Tunstall) 3, T. Worsley (Bolton) 4, J. Potter (Walkden) 5, H. Chapman (Pendleton) 6, W. Washbrook (Pendleton) 7, R. Bont (Prestwich) 8.

Tea was kindly provided in the Schoolroom by the donors, Mr. and Mrs. A. Walkden to whom the ringers extend their thanks.

The bells, the tenor of which is 16 cwt. 15 lb., have been placed in an iron frame, and fitted with all modern fittings by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who have carried out the work in an excellent manner, and to the entire satisfaction of the donors and the church authorities. The ringers, of which there were a goodly number present, also expressed great satisfaction, being well pleased with both the tone and 'go.' There have also been improvements made in the tower, a new ceiling having been placed in the ringing chamber, the ends of the steel girders concreted in, and the louvres bricked up 4ft. 6in. all round, thereby completing a very good work. Appended are particulars of the original and new inscriptions on the bells.

**THE INSCRIPTIONS.**

All the inscriptions are in bold Roman letters, and the six largest bells have 'recast, 1919' along with the founder's trade mark.

Treble.—The gift of Benjamin Carver, November, 1910.

2nd.—The gift of Dora Carver, November, 1910

Servum Corda.

3rd.—When you me i i ng, I'll sweetly sing. A. R. 1742.

The gift of Lydia Constance Walkden, in affectionate memory of her cousin, Lieut. Joseph Norman Rostern.

4th.—Prosperity to the Church of England. A. R. 1721.

The gift of Arthur Cyril Turner Walkden, in memory of his dear friend, Robert Grant, Second-Lieut., R.F.C.

5th.—Peace and good neighbourhood. A. R. 1721.

The gift of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Walkden and family, to the sacred memory of those fallen in the war from Prestwich, 1914-1918.

6th.—ABR. Rvdhall, of Gloucester, cast us all 1721.

The gift of Martha Walkden, in memory of her loving parents, James and Alice Turner.

7th.—Gloria Deo in Excelsis et in Terra Pax.

The gift of Arthur Walkden, in gratitude of his loving mother's devotion, Lydia Walkden.

Tenor.—John Hope, Thos. Schols, Peter Astley, Jno. Ramsden, Miles Mather, and Wm. Grundy, Churchwardens, 1789.

To the Glory of God. The six largest bells were recast and the peal rung by John and Denison Taylor, of Loughborough.

The gift of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Walkden and family, as a thanksgiving offering for peace, 1919. Rev. Frederic Cooper, Rector; W. H. Coomber, Arthur Walkden, Churchwardens.

The gift of Arthur Walkden in memory of his loving father, John Walkden.

LEWES.—At St. John the Baptist's Church, Southover, on Sunday, Sept. 7th, on the occasion of the induction of the new Vicar by the Lord Bishop of Chichester, a quarter-peal of Grandsire (1260 changes) in 48 mins.: G. Richardson 1, F. S. Sturt 2, F. W. Thornton (St. Alfege, Greenwich) 3, J. T. Rickman 4, R. J. Dawe 5, G. Piper 6, A. J. Turner (conductor) 7, J. F. Steadman 8.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Thursday, August 21st, at the Church of St. Michael, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Ceters (1259 changes): G. Jordan 1, Pte. F. Bird 2, W. Prior 3, H. M. White 4, P. Springham 5, T. Jordan 6, W. T. Prior 7, T. J. Watts 8, H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor) 9, C. Bidgwell 10. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The restoration of the bells at Ash, Surrey, has been completed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. This renovation has been carried out as a peace memorial. The tenor, which was cracked, has been recast, a new treble added to make six, and the peal rehanging with new fittings in the old oak framework.

Three new peals are in course of production at the Whitechapel Foundry. A ring of six, with a 10 cwt. tenor, is being made for Bispham Church, near Blackpool, a peal of six with 5 cwt. tenor for Hitcham, Bucks; and a peal of eight, tenor 8½ cwt., for Blyth, Northumberland.

At the age of 12 years 9 months, C. W. Woolley, son of the Vicar of Long Stanton, and a pupil of the Rev. E. B. James, has rung his first peal. This was 5-6 to a 5040 of Bob Minor. There are only two or three who have been younger when they have rung their first peal.

There are three nominations for the office of vice-president of the Lancashire Association, to be filled at the annual meeting at Liverpool to-morrow, viz., Mr. A. Trippier (Pendleton), Mr. T. Redman ((Burnley), Mr. J. Martin (Liverpool).

The ringer of the 3rd in the peal of Treble Bob at Writtle should have been George F. Williams, not George F. Edwards as printed.

The parishioners of Westham, adjoining the historic castle of Pevensey, Sussex, are to be asked to raise £415 to put their ring of six bells in order.

In a peal rung at Ashted, Surrey, on Saturday, as a wedding compliment to Mr. George Cook and a birthday compliment to Mr. Arthur Dean, the eight ringers were natives of eight different counties: G. Mariner, Kent; J. Hoyle, Devon; A. H. Winch, Middlesex; J. H. Whitto, Berks; C. S. M. A. Lee, Suffolk; A. Darnell, Lines; A. Harman, Surrey; A. Denn, Gloucester.

Royston bells, to which two trebles have been added by the Whitechapel Foundry to convert them into an octave, the old treble having also been recast, have just been reopened. The ringers are delighted with the splendid splice.

Mr. Joe Sykes, who has recently been 'shaking things up' round Worcester, has now gone on to Mill Hill. During his temporary stay in London he will doubtless find ample outlet for his campanological enthusiasm and energy.

Mr. Fred W. Mitchell, of Gravesend, has been elected hon. secretary of the Rochester district of the Kent County Association, in place of Mr. E. A. G. Allen, who held the position for a number of years.

The entrance to the tower at Scale, Surrey, one of the ancient churches on the Pilgrim's Way, is so concealed that some members of the Winchester Guild who had visited the tower in former years, and returned to it for a district meeting last Saturday, confessed themselves beaten, and had to be shown the way in, whilst others could not find their way out.

Ringers are invited to send short interesting items for publication in this column.

## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

### NORTHERN BRANCH MEETING.

The half-yearly meeting of the Northern branch was held at Grimsby on Saturday week, but was very poorly attended, only 24 members being present, including ringers from Barton, Bigby, Gainsborough and Hull. Comment was made upon the absence of representatives from the Lincoln and Caythorpe districts. During the afternoon and evening, full use was made of the bells, touches in various methods being brought round, in which the ladies from Barton took part.

A short service was held in St. James' Church, at which the Rev. J. S. Jobling, in the absence of the Vicar, gave an interesting address.

At the business meeting the Rev. H. T. Parry (Rector of Bigby), himself an enthusiastic ringer, presided. Five new members were elected.

After discussion, it was recommended to the committee that grants be made to Barton and Leadenham towers towards their bell funds. It was also recommended that the annual meeting be held at Lincoln on a Saturday in June in place of 'April Fair' Saturday, thereby giving the Diocesan Guild the full advantage of that day.

Various other business items were transacted, and it was decided that another effort should be made to enliven interest again in the Caister and Market Rasen districts, which the Rev. H. T. Parry undertook to arrange.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar of St. Andrew's and St. James' for the use of the bells, and to the Rev. J. S. Jobling for his address, and to Messrs. Heyhoe and Scamer for making the necessary arrangements, concluded the meeting.

**EASTBOURNE.** — Sussex Association.—On August 31st, at Christ Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Mallard 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, A. Gower 3, G. H. Howse 4, W. D. Smith 5, B. Hobbs 6, W. J. Robinson 7, W. Erridge (first quarter-peal) 8.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. REORGANISATION SCHEME.

The annual meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Association at Norwich, on October 9th, will be an important one, for the members of the two counties of Norfolk and Suffolk will then be called upon to decide whether they shall remain as one united whole, or split into two separate organisations. The following resolution will be officially moved by the Hon. Secretary (Mr. A. L. Coleman): "That our Sunday members having repeatedly expressed their disapproval of any suggested severance from the Norwich Diocesan Association on account of the division of the Diocese, that there be one Association as hitherto for the Norfolk and Suffolk members, and the Association be reorganised on the lines as set forth in the 'Recommendations of June 11th, 1914.'"

The matter would, of course, have been settled before, only the war intervened, and the whole question has been in abeyance. The 'Recommendations' which were drawn up by a Sub-Committee, consisting of Messrs. W. L. Duffield, F. Day, A. L. Coleman, R. J. Goale, F. R. Borrett and O. E. Borrett (who was then the hon. secretary), were as follow:—

That the Diocese of Norwich and the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, have one Association for the Change Ringers of the two dioceses under the title of 'The Norwich and St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association of Ringers.'

That the Association be divided into two divisions, a Norfolk division and a Suffolk division.

That the Bishops of the two dioceses be invited to become Patrons, and the Archdeacons Vice-Presidents of the Association.

That a President of the Association be elected as hitherto.

That the government of each division shall be vested in a committee consisting of a Ringing Master, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, District Secretaries, and three persons elected from the honorary members. All these shall be ex-officio members of the General Committee of the Association—five to form a quorum.

That each division shall hold three meetings a year, and that the first of these shall be the annual meeting for the division, when officers shall be elected.

That an annual meeting of the Association be held, as hitherto, alternately in Norfolk and Suffolk.

That all the finances of the Association be administered, as in the past, through one central fund.

That the Rev. W. C. Pearson and the Rev. H. Drake be asked to undertake the work of the Association in the Suffolk division, and the Rev. E. C. Hopper and Mr. Arthur Coleman in the Norfolk division.

## DOUBLE COURT BOB ROYAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Does Mr. Roberts really think he has caught so old a hand as Mr. Law James napping? The Clavys method has been rung many times, and is usually called Double Norwich Court Bob Royal. I have no official knowledge of what they rang at Surfleet, but I think I know, and it is really Double Court Bob Royal, and has never been rung before. You will notice that Mr. Jones did not say that his was the first peal of Court Bob Royal, but the first of this variation.

—Yours,

J. ARNAGER TROLLOPE.

## WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Guildford District was held at Seale on Saturday last, and was attended by members from Guildford, Clondom, Godalming, Puttenham, Farnham, Worplesdon, Aldershot, Witley, and other towers. Service was conducted by the Rev. A. R. Wiseman Rector, who afterwards explained many of the interesting features of the ancient church, which is about 700 years old, and one of the Pilgrim's Way churches. Tea took place in the Jubilee Room, and was as nearly a pre-war tea as the district has been able to obtain. One gratifying feature was the presence of a large number of 'demobbed' men, prominent amongst them being Mr. Alfred H. Pulling, who received a very hearty welcome. Mrs. Pulling also coming in for a share.

Seven hon. members were elected and one ordinary member. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Dorking, in October.

The secretary was instructed to write a letter of congratulation to Mr. Charman, of Cranleigh, on the recent peal, in which no less than five of his family took part.

The Ringing Master's report was read by Mr. Melville, in the absence of the Master, through the death of his sister, and Mrs. Hazelden was asked to convey the regrets of the meeting.

After tea, some members went on to Puttenham, whilst others accepted the invitation of the Rector to inspect his large garden and woodland.

LONDON.—On July 28th, at St. Mary's, Rotherhithe, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. J. Harman, junr. (first quarter-peal away from tenor), 1. T. J. Harman, senr. 2. G. Shade (conductor) 3. J. Lamb 4. T. H. Taffender 5. A. King 6. W. Berry 7. A. W. Phillips 8.

## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

### FORMATION OF A N.-E. DEVON BRANCH.

At the annual meeting of the Devonshire Guild, held on Whit-Monday, it was decided to accept the suggestion of the committee whereby the district covered by the Guild should be divided into local branches. With a view to carrying this reform into effect in the Rural Deaneries of Tiverton and Cullompton, a meeting was held at Tiverton on Saturday last, when 33 ringers were present from Bampton, Buckleigh, Calverleigh, Holcombe Rogus, Tiverton and Washfield.

The general secretary, the Rev. E. S. Powell, attended the meeting, and explained the new policy of the Guild. He alluded to the fact that the first local branch had been formed the previous week for the Rural Deaneries of Barnstaple, Sherwell and Torrington, and would be known as the North Devon branch.

It was unanimously decided to form a North-East Devon branch which, for the present, should include the Deaneries of Tiverton and Cullompton. The Rev. E. J. Barton, Vicar of Holcombe Rogus, was elected as chairman of the branch, and the Rev. E. V. Cox, Vicar of Bampton, was appointed as honorary secretary and treasurer.

It was agreed to hold the first quarterly meeting at Holcombe Rogus, of which due notice will be given in the 'Ringing World.'

A distinctly encouraging feature of the gathering was the presence of the incumbents of all the parishes belonging to the local branch except one, and he was away on holiday, and sent an apology for his absence.

The eight bells of St. Peter's Church were kept going in the Grand-sire method, both before and after the business meeting, and tea was served in St. Peter's Institute.

A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. E. S. Powell for travelling the long distance from Holbeton, and to the Rev. Preliminary Burroughs for granting the use of the bells, and for presiding at the meeting.

There is plenty of work in front of the branch, as in only six out of the twenty-two towers possessing six or more bells is any change-ringing done, and Grandsire is the only method practised in them.

## NORBURY RINGERS' OUTING REVIVED.

On Saturday week, the ringers of St. Thomas', Norbury, Cheshire, with their wives and friends, revived their annual outing, which has been in abeyance since 1914. Meeting in Stockport, the party proceeded by horse conveyance to Knutsford by the way of Cheadle, Handforth, Wimslow and Mobberley, arriving at Knutsford after a pleasant journey of three hours. The bells of the Parish Church were soon raised, and a touch of Plain Bob Minor was brought round, after which 120 Bob Doubles were rung, the ringer of the tenor being the sexton of Norbury, who, although not an experienced ringer, has assisted in keeping the bells going during the war. Two of the Knutsford ringers then took a hand in 240 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and the bells were then lowered in peal. Meanwhile, the ladies of the party had made a tour of this old country town, and judging from their parcels, had made good use of their time. After an excellent tea at the Cafe the return journey was commenced at about 7.15 p.m., and was made by the way of Bucklow Hill, Altrincham, Timberley and Cheadle, Stockport being reached about 10 p.m., after a very enjoyable outing. The ringers take this opportunity of expressing their thanks to Canon Evans for the use of the bells, and to the Knutsford ringers for their assistance and arranging of tea.

## HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

### BRECON DISTRICT INAUGURATED.

The first quarterly meeting of the Brecon District was held at Talgarth, the following towers being represented, viz., Llangattock, Brecon, Glasbury, and the local band.

Twenty-six ringers sat down to tea in the church hall, and at the business meeting which followed, the Vicar was voted to the chair. He gave the ringers a right hearty welcome to Talgarth on that their first meeting as a district, and said he was very pleased to see so many present. Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from the Llanelly ringers, and from the Vicar of Llangorse for his ringers, who were busy with the harvest.

Mr. Louis S. Griffiths was appointed Ringing Master, and a committee, composed of the following ringers, were elected: Mr. Chas. Powell, Brecon; Mr. Chas. Powell, Talgarth; Mr. Chas. Powell, Llangattock; Mr. S. T. Rackham, Llanelly, and Wm. Powell, Derynack. Mr. J. P. Hyell is the district secretary. Llangattock was selected for the next quarterly meeting, the date being left in the hands of the secretary.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the ladies for their assistance at the tea tables, and to the Vicar for presiding, for the use of the bells, and the Church Room. Touches of Bob Minor and Stedman were rung both in the afternoon and evening.



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## CROYDON, SURREY.



## NOTICES.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Quarterly meeting at Barnet on Saturday, September 27th. Tower open 3 p.m.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Estab. 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Erdington Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells available from 3 o'clock; Service in Church at 4.30; tea in Church House 5.30.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Bristol on Saturday, Sept. 27th. The bells of St. Stephen's will be available from 3 p.m.; tea at the Cadena Café, Wine Street, at 5 p.m.; a short Service in St. Stephen's Church will be arranged if possible. All members are requested to make a special effort to attend. Gentlemen cordially invited.—N. Gillingham, Portishead, Somerset.

**ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting will be held at Sawston on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock; short Service at 5 p.m.; tea, provided by the Vicar, at 5.30 p.m.—A. E. Austin, 4, Hills View, Gt. Shelford, Cambs.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Late the St. James' Society (estab. 1824).—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, Sept. 27th, at All Saints', Fulham. Tower open from 4 to 8 p.m.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec.

**LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Athan (Gileston Station) on Saturday, Sept. 27th, at 4.30. The new ring of bells available from 3.30. Tea will be provided.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., John W. Jones, 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon., Hon. Secs.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at East Bridgeford on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Ringing from 3.30. All ringers are welcome.—T. H. Kirkby, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Liverpool on Saturday, Sept. 27th. The bells of St. Nicholas (12), St. Luke (8), St. John, Tuebrook (8) will be available. Service at St. Nicholas at 4 p.m.; Tea at 5 p.m. in the Institute. Meeting 6 p.m.—W. H. Shuker, J. H. Banks, Hon. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Nibley on Saturday, September 27th. Bells from 2.30. Short service, 4.30. Tea, by invitation of the Vicar, at 5 p.m.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Staines on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Ringing from 3 p.m. at St. Mary's, and after business meeting in the evening at St. Peter's. Tea at 5.30 if arrangements can be made. Ringers cordially invited.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec., 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Presteign District.—The first annual meeting of the above district will be held at Presteign on Saturday, September 27th. Bells (8) available at 4 p.m. Tea at 6, business meeting afterwards. All ringers welcome.—A. Talbot, District Sec., Staunton-on-Arrow, Herefordshire.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Hellesteden on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (6) available for ringing from 2.30 p.m. Padbury (6) will also be available during afternoon and evening.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Estab. 1637.—Meetings will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Oct. 2nd, 16th and 30th; St. John's, Hackney, on the 6th, 12th (Sunday, 10 a.m.), and 20th; \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 7th; Southwark Cathedral on the 14th; \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 21st; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Milton Abbey on Thursday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) also Hilton (6) available from 2 p.m. Guild Service at 4, followed by tea and meeting. The Abbey gardens will be open to the ringers. A conveyance leaves Dorchester about 1.30. Ringers cordially invited.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Stanmore on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Ringing from 3. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Oram, 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Pershore on Saturday, October 4th. Service in the Abbey Church at 5 p.m. prompt, at which all attending the meeting should be present. Tea will be provided, and it is important I should know the number likely to be present by the previous Tuesday. The Abbey bells (8) will be available from 3 p.m. till service time, and St. Andrew's (6) after the business meeting.—James Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

**SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The October meeting will be held at Staveley on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Eight bells open for ringing at 2.45. Service in Church 4 o'clock. A meat tea, at 1/- per head, will be provided for those who notify Mr. Wm. Palmer, 22, Mabel Villas, Bent Lane, Lowgates, Staveley, near Chesterfield, not later than Tuesday, Sept. 30th.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

**NOTTINGHAM.**—Visitors to Nottingham Goose Fair on Saturday, Oct. 4, are informed that St. Peter's peal of 10 will be available from 5 to 8 p.m. All ringers welcome.—T. H. Kirkby.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A combined practice will be held at Llangorse on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells (6) available at 6 p.m.—J. P. Hyett, District Sec.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Beccles District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Bungay, on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Tower open at 2 p.m.—R. J. Goate, Hon. District Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Late the St. James' Society (Estab. 1824).—The quarterly general meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes on Monday, Oct. 6th, at 7.15 p.m. Business meeting to follow at Headquarters, The 'Edinburgh,' adjacent.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec., 50, Cannon Street, E.C.4.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wombourn on Saturday, October 4th. Bells available at 3. Short service in church at 5.15, with an address by the Rev. H. L. Langley, M.A. (Vicar). Tea (1/- each) at 6. Those intending to be present please notify me not later than Tuesday, Sept. 30th. Motor bus leaves Station Drive (L. & N.W.), Wolverhampton, at 2 and 3.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**HALIFAX & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly meeting and six bell contest will be held at Silsden (near Keighley) on Saturday, October 4th. The draw for order of ringing will take place at the King's Arms at 3.45 p.m. prompt. Tea, 1/6 each, will be provided for those who notify the Secretary, Willie Frith, 5, Sufton Street, Birkby, Huddersfield, not later than Sept. 29th.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Norwich on Thursday, Oct. 9th, 1919. By kind permission of the authorities the following ring of bells will be open to the use of members (except during the time of Divine Service) throughout the day: St. Peter Mancroft (twelve bells), St. John de Sepulchre (eight bells), St. Michael at Coslany (eight bells), All Saints' (five bells), and St. Giles' (eight bells)—if ringable. Divine service will be conducted at 12.45 p.m. at St. Peter Mancroft church, when the address will be given by the Very Reverend the Dean of Norwich (Rev. J. W. Willink, D.D.). It is earnestly hoped that all members will be present at the service. Dinner will be served at Messrs. William Grix, Ltd., Criterion Restaurant, White Lion Street, at 1.30 p.m., at 2/6 per head company members, and 3/6 per head hon. members. Those who intend to be present at the dinner must send notice to the Secretary before Tuesday, October 7th. The business meeting will be held immediately after dinner.—Arthur L. Coleman, Hon. Sec., High Croft, North Walsham.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—The autumn meeting of the above will be held at Faversham on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells available for ringing at the Parish Church. Service will be taken by the Vicar and there will be a business meeting after tea. Further particulars next week.—Rev. C. W. B. Cobb, Hon. District Sec., Elsted Rectory, Ashford, Kent.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—The annual District meeting will be held at Gt. Tey on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Service, with address by the Rev. G. A. Grace 4.30; tea will be provided at the 'Chequers Inn,' 6d. each (non-members 1/6) to all giving me notice not later than first post Oct. 8th.—B. Ridgwell, District Sec., Rayne.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A bye-meeting will be held at Epping 'Old' Church on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells from 3.30; tea kindly provided by the Vicar. A conveyance will meet train due Epping 3.10 for those proceeding by train who advise me not later than first post Tuesday, October 7th, for both tea and conveyance.—E. Butler, Hon. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above Branch will be held at Whalley on Saturday, Oct. 11th. The bells at Mytton will be also available from 3 o'clock till 5.30. Meeting at Whalley 6.30.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The annual party will be held on Saturday, Oct. 11th, at Whitworth. Gents 2/6, ladies 2/3; tickets may be had from Mr. J. Grindrod, 6, Rawston Street, Whitworth, or the Branch Sec., T. K. Driver, 99, Hunter Street, Middleton.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—A meeting will take place at Wrotham on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells available at 3.30; a short service at 5; tea, provided by the Rector, at 5.45; business meeting after. The Secretary hopes all ringers intending to be present will let him know not later than Monday, Oct. 6th.—Stephen Hayzelden, Lower Street, East Farleigh, near Maidstone.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—A bye-quarterly meeting will be held at Gillingham on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. District Sec., 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Melbourne. Bells (8) ready 3 o'clock.—J. Lord, Local Sec., 36, Howard Street, Derby.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Meetings for practice: St. Martin's first Monday in the month at 7.30 p.m.; second Saturday, St. Bride's, 5 p.m.; third Monday, Shoreditch, 7.30 p.m.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

#### JOHN S. GOLDSMITH TESTIMONIAL.

A meeting will be held at St. Martin's Hotel, St. Martin's Lane, Birmingham, on Saturday, Oct. 4th, at 6 o'clock, for the purpose of handing a cheque for the amount collected to the Editor of the 'Ringing World.'

The chair will be taken by Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., B.C.L., Presiding Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild. A musical evening will be arranged, and refreshments will be provided for all those who advise the undersigned not later than Sept. 30th of their intention to be present.

All subscribers who can manage it are cordially invited to attend.

The Cathedral bells (10) will be available from 3.30 to 5, and St. Martin's (12) from 5 to 6.

A. PADDON SMITH, Organising Sec.  
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#### THE LENGTH OF A PEAL.

Writing in support of the contention that nothing less than 5,000 changes should be considered a peal, Mr. F. Atkinson of Wragby, says: 'In my belief there is not a tower in the land where an annual peal could not be rung on the bells. There are only three things to be considered about ringing peals: Business premises near the church; an infirmary or hospital near the church; and sickness near the church.'

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