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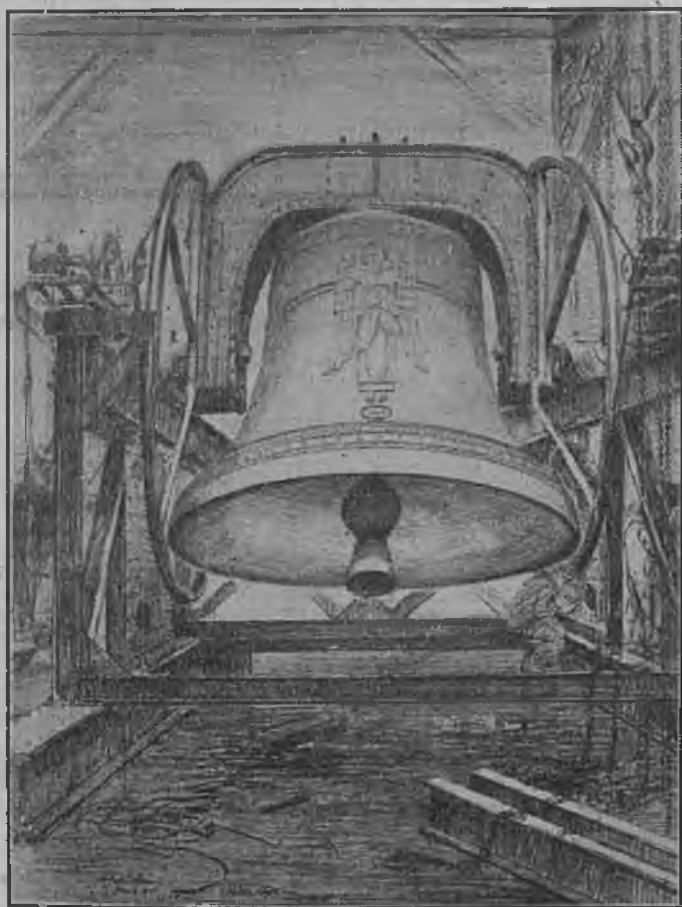
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### BELFRIES; NOT MUSEUMS.

In a recent issue of 'The Builder' appeared an article by Mr. A. R. Powys, A.R.I.B.A., Secretary of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, in which, as part of a series of papers on the repair of ancient buildings, he deals with church bells and bell hanging. It is hardly to be expected, perhaps, that Mr. Powys should approach the subject with an entirely unbiassed mind, and while a good deal of his article is technically instructive to those who know nothing of the mechanics of bells, there are some things with which those with an intimate knowledge of bells and bell-ringing must profoundly disagree. His statement that 'bell hangers do not value old bells or old cages as they should be valued,' is as wild as his conclusions that changes in the method of tuning are not of necessity an advantage, and that 'many authorities prefer the irregularity of tone which the old bell founders seem intentionally to have given to their bells.' Columns might be written disproving these statements alone. Such assertions are unfortunately misleading, especially when they gain such a wide publicity through an important technical journal, and we are very sorry that Mr. Powys should have allowed himself even to touch on a side of the subject of which we are afraid he really knows nothing.

No one who has compared old bells tuned with hammer and chisel, or file, with a ring which have been tuned in a modern foundry on scientific principles has any doubt upon the subject. It is not a question of Simpson tuning or 'old standard' tuning; the old founders knew nothing of the one and were not accurate in the other. Their methods made accuracy impossible, and while they may have striven for good bells, they made them in only isolated cases and then by sheer luck. How many pre-Reformation bells are there which have anything approaching the quality of tone of those turned out by the leading bell founders of to-day?

Mr. Powys, with the conservatism that often marks archaeologists, apparently refuses to believe that the art of the bell founder has advanced just as other crafts have done. His opposition to the destruction of ancient bells can be understood; but his energies are misdirected if he desires them retained in the ringing peals of to-day. Let church authorities keep them as relics if they choose, but harsh and discordant tones do not fit them for any place in a modern ringing peal. It is not as antiques that we want bells in our towers; they are there for a definite purpose and use, and the service of the church demands that the instruments of music shall be as perfect as skill can make them. After all, a belfry is not a museum, and for that

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reason also it is no place for an ancient frame whose life might possibly be preserved for a few years by tinkering. If a bell frame has reached the stage when it has become an object of antiquarian interest its place is not in the tower with a peal of bells swinging in it.

The point, however, to which we take the strongest exception in Mr. Powys' article is the invitation to those who contemplate improvements in their old bells or bell frames to call in the advice of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings. The installation of a modern peal of bells is an engineering job. If a local authority contemplated constructing, say, a new bridge, the S.P.A.B. is about the last body they would ask for technical advice. They would consult engineers who specialise in that branch of work; and that is what church authorities should do when they want a new peal of bells or to restore their old ones. The specialists in bell matters to-day are bell foundries, a pound of whose scientific knowledge is worth a ton of the S.P.A.B.'s fads.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY AND THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

*DENNIS A. WATTS ... .. 1	WILLIAM COLLETT ... .. 5
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... .. 2	FREDERICK MESSENGER ... .. 6
RICHARD POST ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... .. 7
FRANK BECKETT ... .. 4	GEORGE HORWOOD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. E. TAYLOR.

\* First peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTER.  
MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 4, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Dexter's Variation of Washbrook's. Tenor 6½ cwt.

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	*CHARLES ALLSOP ... .. 5
JAMES GEORGE ... .. 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... .. 6
JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... .. 3	EDWARD READER ... .. 7
COLIN HARRISON ... .. 4	JACK TOWELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

\* First peal in the method.

JESMOND, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 6, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS'. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

ADAM DEAS ... .. Treble	*JOHN ROTHWELL ... .. 5
EDWARD A. HERN ... .. 2	JAMES C. GRAY ... .. 6
*JOHN ANDERSON ... .. 3	ERNEST GOSDEN ... .. 7
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... .. 4	ROBERT SKROCH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD A. HERN.

\* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	FREDERICK S. PRICE ... .. 5
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... .. 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... .. 6
JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... .. 3	PERCIVAL PRICE ... .. 7
JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... .. 4	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

First peal of Major as conductor.

## WOEBURN, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS &amp; SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 9, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

*MISS W. F. BOLT ... .. Treble	ROLAND BIGGS ... .. 5
† WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE ... 2	† F. DONALD BOREHAM ... 6
HARRY HOWARD ... .. 3	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 7
FRANK BOREHAM ... .. 4	* JAMES P. HINTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

\* First peal. † First peal in method. The Vicar kindly provided refreshments afterwards.

## SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1928, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... .. Treble	WALTER LAGO ... .. 5
ALFRED S. BAYLEY ... .. 2	ALBERT WOODVINE ... .. 6
ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... .. 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
JOSEPH L. STANIER ... .. 4	BERTRAM L. JONES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD V. RODENHURST.

## WHALLEY, LANCs.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(CHURCHKIRK SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 9, 1928, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

* ALBERT YATES ... .. Treble	ARTHUR LORD ... .. 5
* WILLIE AARON ... .. 2	JAMES INGHAM ... .. 6
RICHARD BOLDERSTONE ... 3	JOHN HIRST ... .. 7
JOHN BEATTIE ... .. 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

\* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

## ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 11, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

G. WILLIAM HOLLIS ... .. Treble	FREDERICK E. STONE ... .. 5
CHARLES H. PERRY ... .. 2	ALBERT J. PITMAN ... .. 6
WALTER J. NURTON ... .. 3	ERNEST STITCH ... .. 7
GWYN I. LEWIS ... .. 4	JOHN WEATHERSEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

Arranged for Mr. G. H. Perry, of Bridgend and Mr. G. I. Lewis, of Cadoxton, and a farewell peal for the treble man, who had left the district to live at Pembrey.

## GREASLEY, NOTTS.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 13, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF J. J. PARKER'S TEN-PART, No. 9.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr.

JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. Treble	JOHN P. FARLTON ... .. 5
MALRICE SWINFELD ... .. 2	JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... .. 6
CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7
E. HARRY STONELEY ... .. 4	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

## ERITH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 14, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... .. Treble	JOHN T. KENTISH ... .. 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 2	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 3	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 16, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. Treble	ALBERT H. WARD ... .. 5
JOHN P. FIDLER ... .. 2	HORACE F. STUBBS ... .. 6
JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... .. 3	EDWARD READER ... .. 7
ERNEST CARTWRIGHT ... .. 4	DAVID S. COLLINS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD READER.

## BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 16, 1928, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F.

WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... .. Treble	FREDERICK S. HAVLEY ... 5
GEORGE POLLINGER ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 6
EDWIN J. HARDING, JUN. ... 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 7
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This peal was arranged for Mr. W. J. Prescott, of Bath. The band were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Pullinger after the peal.

## LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 16, 1928, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

REGINALD C. KERSEY ... .. Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 5
* MISS KITTY WILLERS ... .. 2	JAMES G. ROMSEY ... .. 6
GEORGE WILSON ... .. 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 4	FREDERICK J. SMITH ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

\* First peal in the method, and first attempt.

## SALLE, NORFOLK.

## THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 16, 1928, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES LOLLETT ... .. Treble	JAMES DUFFIELD ... .. 5
GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 2	WILLIAM DUNCAN ... .. 6
WILLIAM WASEY ... .. 3	FREDERICK BORRETT ... .. 7
* GEORGE BAILEY ... .. 4	† FREDERICK SEAGER ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

\* First peal in the method. † 100th peal.

## WYRARDISBURY, BUCKS.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 16, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 5
FRANK CORKE ... .. 2	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 6
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 16, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

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

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM T. PRIOR ... .. Treble	WILLIAM PYE ... .. 5
WALTER PRIOR ... .. 2	T. REGINALD DENNIS... .. 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 3	FREDERICK DENCH ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4	WALTER PARISH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK DENCH.

This peal was rung with fully-muffled bells by a representative band of the Essex Association as a token of respect to the memory of the late Mr. Frederick Pitstow, after the funeral.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT & BOWDEN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 16, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

RALPH TAYLOR ... .. Treble	ALBERT GORRINGE ... .. 5
ISAAC SCHOFIELD... .. 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 6
JOHN H. BRIERLEY ... .. 3	JAMES FERNLEY ... .. 7
ERNEST GARSIDE ... .. 4	FRED HOLT ... .. Tenor

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD.

Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY.

This was a branch quarterly peal, and seven towers were represented, viz., Mossley, Oldham, Ashton, Stalybridge, Hyde, Norbury and New Mills.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 16, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

ALBERT G. HARRISON... .. Treble	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 5
JAMES BETTS ... .. 2	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 6
ALPHAUS J. BERRY ... .. 3	WILLIAM STEGGALL ... .. 7
DAVID WHITING ... .. 4	ERNEST F. POPPY ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY

G. A. Blaxcell was elected a member of the Guild prior to starting for the peal. Mr. Poppy has now 'completed the circle' in this tower, thus bringing his total up to seven belfries in which he has rung all the bells to a peal.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 16, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*F. DONALD BOREHAM ... Treble	JOHN EVANS... .. 5
GEORGE GILBERT ... .. 2	THOMAS GOODCHILD ... .. 6
HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 3	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 7
RICHARD BUCKLAND... .. 4	CECIL C. MAYNE... .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by G. MARTIN.

\* First peal of Major. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Marquis of Lincolnshire.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 16, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, HANDBRIDGE,

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

A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

HARRY LEWIS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM SCONCE ... .. 5
*ARTHUR MINNS ... .. 2	†PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. 6
MARTIN HARRIS... .. 3	JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 7
JOHN HAYES ... .. 4	ARTHUR WHATKIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HAYES.

\* First peal. † First peal with a bob-making bell. First peal in the method as conductor. All are members of the local band.

HORLEY, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Sunday, June 17, 1928, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

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

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

KENNETH SNELLING ... Treble	REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 5
ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 2	*FRANK SADLER ... .. 6
NELSON ELLIOTT... .. 3	CECH NICE... .. 7
BERNARD WELLS... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

\* First peal in the method. First peal on the bells since rehanging.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Sunday, June 17, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK J. DAVEY ... Treble	WILLIAM S. LETHBRIDGE ... 5
EDWARD W. BIFFIN ... .. 2	WILLIAM SHEARS... .. 6
TOM BARTLETT... .. 3	GEORGE LUXTON ... .. 7
*FRED M. ROGERS ... .. 4	WILLIAM BEDFORD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. S. LETHBRIDGE.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells. The best thanks of the band are offered to the Vicar, Rev. E. Kingdom, for the use of the bells.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

CLAPHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, May 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BUCKET,

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, College Exercise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 5½ cwt.

CHARLES W. CLARKE... Treble	WILLIAM STOCK ... .. 4
HENRY W. GAYTON ... .. 2	PEARL INSKIP ... .. 5
WILLIAM SHARPE... .. 3	HERBERT L. HARLOW... .. Tenor

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

HAWKSHEAD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, June 5, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Being two 720's Oxford, three of Kent and two of Plain Bob.

CHARLES E. WEBB ... Treble	EDWIN JENNINGS... .. 4
WOODBURN NEVINSON ... .. 2	WILLIAM ROBINSON ... .. 5
HAROLD HARDY ... .. 3	THOMAS B. NEWTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by T. B. NEWTON.

Rung in honour of the 'Pearl' wedding (70th anniversary) of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall, of Satterthwaite, near Hawkshead.

MERIDEN, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 5, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF ST. SIMON'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 extents.

Tenor 7 cwt.

ALFRED E. BACON ... Treble	CHARLES G. BATES ... .. 3
JOSEPH E. SYKES... .. 2	WILLIAM A. STOTE ... .. 4

JAMES H. RAFTER... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. RAFTER.

The band wish, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to offer their thanks to the Vicar for his kind permission to ring on this and a former occasion.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, June 10th, at Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: G. Masters 1, W. Stenning 2, A. Backshall 3, A. Fiest 4, C. H. Courd 5, G. Lucas 6, J. Fiest (conductor) 7, G. Mansbridge 8.



## DARLINGTON.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 7, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, York, Durham, London, and Wells Surprise. Tenor 7½ cwt.

JAMES T. TITT ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. PORTER ... .. 4
WILLIAM OLIVER... .. 2	GEORGE W. PARK ... .. 5
ROLAND PARK ... .. 3	W. NORMAN PARK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

This peal was rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor and Mr. R. Busby, a member of the Holy Trinity band.

## STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1928, in Two Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob and three extents each of St. Simon's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

ALFRED E. BACON ... .. Treble	WILLIAM A. STOTE ... .. 4
CHARLES G. BATES ... .. 2	JAMES H. RAPER ... .. 5
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... .. 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. RAPER.

## COSBY, NEAR LEICESTER.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILFRED SLEATH ... .. Treble	RONALD RUSSELL ... .. 4
ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 2	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ... .. 5
ARTHUR E. BODYCOTE ... .. 3	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN S. BAGWORTH.

First peal of Minor for Messrs. Sleath, Ballard and Bodycote.

## THORINGTON, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

Seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

PERCY ALMOND ... .. Treble	GEORGE A. ANDREWS ... .. 4
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 5
JOSEPH BOWELL ... .. 3	WALTER ARNOLD... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal of Surprise on the bells. First peal of Surprise Minor by treble, 3rd and 4th ringers. First peal on the bells for 19 years. The band were kindly entertained to a sumptuous tea at the Red Lion at the conclusion of the peal.

## LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 9, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, MOSS SIDE,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOHN T. BINESON ... .. Treble	HARRY FRANCE ... .. 4
JAMES MILLER ... .. 2	WILLIAM SHARPLES ... .. 5
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... .. 3	E. ROGER MARTIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHARPLES.

## CLUTTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ERNEST F. BROWN... .. Treble	JEFFREY TOSSELL ... .. 4
REGINALD MIDDLE ... .. 2	HAROLD E. BLACKER ... .. 5
HERBERT BABER ... .. 3	GRAHAM ASHLEY... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. E. BLACKER.

Arranged for J. Tossell, of Compton Martin, as his first peal attempt.

## HASKETON, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, June 10, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine, Double Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHARLES ABLITT... .. Treble	FRANK L. FISHER ... .. 4
WILLIAM A. WOODS ... .. 2	CHARLES E. FISHER ... .. 5
THOMAS C. WARD ... .. 3	GEORGE W. ABLITT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. FISHER.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Thomas C. Ward.

## TENDRING, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 16, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four extents of Oxford and three of Kent, called differently. Tenor 7½ cwt.

GEORGE W. MOSS ... .. Treble	† ERNEST DURRANT ... .. 4
* CHARLES HONEYWOOD ... .. 2	WALTER HONEYWOOD ... .. 5
* EDWARD E. DAVEY ... .. 3	HORACE A. WRIGHT... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEO. W. MOSS.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Minor. † First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

## WELTON, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 16, 1928, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings. Tenor 14½ cwt.

* CHARLES GREEN ... .. Treble	ARTHUR MARLOW ... .. 3
JOHN CADD... .. 2	* ERNEST MARSH ... .. 4
	ROWLAND ADAMS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MARLOW.

\* First peal. The first peal rung entirely by members of the Guildborough Branch.

## LOWICK, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 16, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

FRANK KIRK... .. Treble	WILLIAM SHARP ... .. 4
JOSEPH SHARP ... .. 2	AMOS SMART... .. 5
HENRY W. GAYTON ... .. 3	WILLIAM STOCK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by AMOS SMART.

## BREASTON, DERBYSHIRE.

On Saturday, June 16, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

F. W. TURNER ... .. Treble	W. H. T. KING ... .. 4
E. JOYCE ... .. 2	W. R. DRAGE ... .. 5
J. BAILEY ... .. 3	E. C. CHASTY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. R. DRAGE.

## WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 17, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

* GEORGE SLACK ... .. Treble	CHARLES V. SANDLAND ... .. 4
ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. 2	HAROLD G. SMITH ... .. 5
† ALBERT THOMAS ... .. 3	FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. H. CRAWLEY.

\* First peal. † First peal inside. Rung to commemorate the thirty years' incumbency of the Rector, the Rev. W. N. Mayne, M.A.

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 16, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

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

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

CHARLES H. BAKER ... .. Treble	*MOSES BILLINGS ... .. 4
MISS KATHARINE BURCHNALL 2	HARRY CARTER ... .. 5
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 3	HARRY MORGAN... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY MORGAN.

\* First peal. First peal in seven methods by the remainder of the band. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Misses Burchnall, who are twins.

STURMINSTER MARSHALL, DORSET.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 16, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being seven different extents. Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. COOMBS ... .. Treble	EDWARD G. COWARD ... .. 4
*ARTHUR G. ROSE ... .. 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... .. 5
JIM RALPH ... .. 3	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... Tenor

Conducted by W. E. CHEATER.

\* First peal. First peal on six bells and first in the method as conductor. First peal on the bells. Specially arranged in honour of the jubilee of the Rev. J. Cross as Rector of the above parish. Also rung on the fourth anniversary of the wedding of A. G. Rose.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, June 14, 1928, in Two Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH TOWER,

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

REEVES' TEN-PART, REVERSED.

ARTHUR SYMONDS ... .. 1-2	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 5-6
WILLIAM R. J. POULSON ... 3-4	*FRANK A. TURNER... .. 7-8

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

\* At second attempt. First handbell peal of Grandsire Triples in Lavenham and by all the band.

**REOPENING OF THE BELLS AT SUNNINGWELL.**

A BERKSHIRE RESTORATION.

After being silent for some months, the bells of the Parish Church of Sunningwell, Berks, were again heard on Friday evening, May 25th. A complete rehanging has been carried out by Messrs. White, of Appleton. The bells, a sweet-toned five, are now on ball bearings in a massive oak frame, with a spare pit for a future treble bell, an addition which ringers hope to see accomplished in the near future. The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.C., with ringers from neighbouring towers, gave the bells a good test, numerous six-scores of Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire being rung. The 'go' is perfect, a condition to which the local ringers found it difficult to adapt themselves, so that stays also had their fair share of the testing.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

A very successful and enjoyable meeting was held on Saturday at Frensham (one of the beauty spots of Surrey) by the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, and was attended by 33 ringers and their friends. Ringing began soon after 2.30, and later the Guild's service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. M. C. H. Collet), who gave a very interesting address.

After tea a very short business meeting was held, presided over by the Vicar, with the Master of the Guild (Major J. H. B. Hesse) supporting him. The District Secretary (Mr. B. Clark) proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for conducting the service and the use of the bells, which was warmly accorded. The Vicar replied in a pleasant little speech.—Mr. F. Nye also proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the organist for the very able manner in which he carried out his duties, and mentioned that he is only 14 years of age.

After that meeting a district committee meeting was held, and approved of a series of combined practices put forward by the district secretary.

Ringing in the standard methods was afterwards kept up until 8.30 p.m. Members attended from Ash, Aldershot, Bagshot, Chertsey, Farnham, Frensham, Haslemere and Seale.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT EAST RETFORD.**

A very enjoyable day was spent by a large number of ringers at East Retford, West Retford and Ordsall upon the occasion of the annual festival of the North Notts Association. The day was beautifully fine, and members were present from Anston, Barlborough, North Collingham, Cuckney, Edwinstowe, Gamston, Everton, East Markham, Ordsall, East Retford, Shireoaks, Sutton-on-Trent, Wheatley, Warsop and Worksop, in addition to a large number of visitors from kindred associations, including Gainsborough, Misterton, Lincoln, Branton, Boston, Grantham, Treeton and Wortley. The touches included methods from Plain Bob to Cambridge Surprise, and Stedman Triples and Caters, Grandsire Triples and Caters, Bob Royal and Kent Treble Bob Royal.

The visitors attended service in the Parish Church, at which the preacher was the Rev. R. F. Gould, Vicar of North Codrington, who gave a forceful address of singular appropriateness.

Sixty-five members and friends sat down to a splendid tea, presided over by the Rev. A. Parkinson, Vicar of East Retford, supported by Rev. R. F. Wilkinson (Rector of Ordsall), Rev. R. S. Curtis (Vicar of Everton), the hon. secretary (Mr. H. Haigh), the Crawford Cup secretary (Mr. H. Rooke), Misses Burchnall, Mrs. East, Mrs. Clayton, Mrs. Stenton, Mrs. Hibbard and many other ladies.

At the business meeting the annual report and balance sheet were duly adopted, and the hon. secretary was the recipient of a cordial vote of thanks for his work in this connection, and also for the Crawford Cup competition rules.

All the officers and vice-presidents were re-elected. The members stood in silence for a few moments whilst the secretary made allusion to the death of the Duke of Newcastle, the oldest patron of the association, who was being buried that day. Sympathy was also expressed with the Bishop of Southwell, who, after a long illness, had resigned his office.

A long discussion on the Crawford Cup rules followed, and, with a few slight alterations to the rough proof and a few additions, the rules were unanimously adopted. The first contest will take place in the autumn.

Three new members were elected, and the Rev. A. J. Lindsell, of West Retford, and the Rev. R. S. Curtis, Vicar of Everton, were elected vice-presidents.

A grant of £5 was made to the Anston Bell Committee, who are now carrying out the completion of the full octave. The tenor bell is to be recast and two new trebles added.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. R. F. Gould for his excellent address, to the Rev. A. Parkinson for presiding over tea and meeting, arranging the church service, and for use of bells, also the Revs. R. F. Wilkinson (Ordsall) and A. J. Lindsell (West Retford) for use of the bells and their attendance that day.

In the evening the three towers were again visited, and touches in various six, eight and ten bell methods were rung.

**RESTORATION OF BELLS AT ALDINGTON.**

An invitation was extended to members of the Kent County Association and Romney Marsh Guild by the Vicar of Aldington to attend the opening of the restored ring of six bells of this beautiful church, which, standing on a hill, overlooks Romney Marsh and the Channel.

The dedication was performed by the Bishop of Dover, and the hymns sung at the service included, 'The sacred bells of England' and 'Set them nobly in the steeple.' There was a large congregation, and immediately after the dedicatory prayers, the bells were rung while the clergy and choir returned from the tower to the chancel.

Two of the six bells have been recast, and the texts upon these are: (3rd) 'May Jesus Christ be praised' and (tenor) 'Draw nigh to God.'

The bells are hung in a new oak frame on ball bearings, the work having been done by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The manner in which the restoration has been carried out was much appreciated by the ringers present, including Canon F. J. O. Helmore, who afterwards presided at tea and the business meeting of the Romney Marsh Guild which followed the dedication service.

The Vicar gave a hearty welcome to the Guild, and spoke of the work of the parishioners, and especially of Mr. C. Slingsby, who was among the most active, even at the age of 91 years, having been a ringer upwards of 80 years.

Hearty cheers and best wishes were given to Mr. Slingsby on completion of the bell restoration work on his 91st birthday. Rev. Canon Helmore and Mr. Fright were elected members of the Guild, and New Romney was selected for the next meeting on June 30th.

**WEDDING BELLS.**

At Portishead, Somerset, on May 22nd, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 45 mins. in honour of the marriage of Mr. Frank Nisbet (son of Mr. and Mrs. Nisbet, of Portishead) to Miss Myrtle Shephard, at Bentley, Australia, the ceremony having taken place on March 17th: Miss V. Hyman (first quarter-peal) 1, Miss B. Stadden 2, Mrs. W. Edwards 3, Miss A. Stokes (conductor) 4, Miss H. Orchard 5, J. Nisbet 6, W. Gillingham 7, O. Berg 8.

**BRISTOL AND HEREFORD INQUIRIES.**

The following are some of the things which a correspondent would like to know about the recent gatherings at Bristol and Hereford:—

Whether those present could really express their appreciation of the courtesy extended to them, both at Bristol and Hereford; and whether they are going to get 'Younger' instead of 'Georges,' in order that they may attend the centenary at Bristol?

What the 'President elect' will look like on that occasion?

Whether a certain secretary, who met the Wells party at 'great expense and personal inconvenience,' has yet refunded the surcharge on the postcard?

If it is true that the postcard in question is to go amongst the ancient archives of St. Martin's, Birmingham?

Whether a certain gentleman has now recovered from the eye strain caused by viewing the sights 'at Weston-super-Mare'?

Whether the remedy given by the touring 'fiddler' has been tried by the ladies, and what were the results?

Whether Yorkshire pudding would be better in a hat than butter?

Whether the 'draught' in the Ship was slightly damp?

Whether a certain Essex ringer took the wrong train to Hereford by accident or design, and how he felt when he found himself in Welsh Wales?

Why Mr. Elwell's horse did not run at Epsom?

If it is advisable to mention 'boots' to 'a terrible big parson'?

Whether 'the clock that Uncle took a fancy to' is still going, and if it has been found necessary to replace it?

**NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.**

A most successful meeting of the North Staffs and District Association was held at Swynnerton on June 2nd. Although the little village is rather an out-of-the-way place to get to, there was a very good attendance, over fifty being present from Stoke, Leek, Uttoxeter, Kingsley, Cheadle, Norton, Burslem, Biddulph, Stone, Lawton, and Brown Edge. The Rector and local ringers gave the visitors a hearty welcome, and the Rectory gardens and bowling green were placed at their disposal.

A service was conducted by the Rector, and afterwards tea was served in the schoolroom. A very cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, for his address at the service, and for the tea, also for throwing his grounds open. A vote of thanks was also given to the ladies who served the tea.

Ringings were kept up until 9 o'clock, the methods rung being London, Cambridge and York Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles.

**THE FIRST PEAL AT NANTMEL.**

Nantmel, a remote village about six miles from Bhyader, amidst the mountains of Radnorshire, has a population of less than 500, with a well-preserved church in the Norman style, consisting of nave, chancel, and western tower—all in line—and a south porch, which is dedicated to one of the many saints of the Principality, St. Cynllo.

A fringe of ancient yew trees, similar to those at Llanfagan, surrounds the churchyard, and the sundial bears the date 1773, a quite recent one compared with the age of the yews. On the north wall of the nave is a brass tablet recording:—

'In thankful remembrance of Thomas Powell Humphreys, a great benefactor to this church. He gave, amongst other things, five of the six bells. 1899-1900.'

The bells were cast by Llewellyn and James, of Bristol, and go fairly well, but very little ringing has ever been done upon them except rounds and chiming. The Vicar is the Rev. Edgar E. Davis, formerly of Brecon, who had invited the Brecon ringers to pay him a visit. The King's birthday was selected as a most fitting occasion. Accordingly a party of 14 ringers and friends drove by charabanc via Builth Wells and Llandrindod, on a perfect June day so far as the weather was concerned, and with beautiful scenery for about 30 miles each way through rugged hills, by winding rivers and overhanging woodland.

The visitors considerably augmented the usual congregation attending evening service, at which the Vicar officiated, and afterwards enjoyed a homely tea and welcome at the Vicarage by Mr. and Mrs. Davies. Mr. C. Powell returned thanks to them for their kindness and for the opportunity of ringing the first peal on the bells.

As the local bell ropes were decaying, the Brecon ringers left a few spare ropes for the use of the Nantmel band. The tenor, suffering with an acute diameter of the mouth, awaits the attention of Dr. Shepherd, of Swindon. Birmingham ringers, who appreciate their city's water supply, will be interested to hear that the name of the parish signifies in Welsh, 'Honey water.' From the great Elan Valley reservoir, twelve miles away, water is conveyed in huge iron pipes through the parish of 'honey water' to Birmingham, a graceful group of nine tall arches supporting this pipe line across a wide ravine immediately below the church.

The homeward journey, thanks to the care of Mr. F. Thomas, was safely made by 10.30 p.m., passing en route the cave at Aberedw, where Llewellyn, last of the Welsh princes, was captured soon after having his horse's feet reshod with the shoes reversed to mislead his pursuers.

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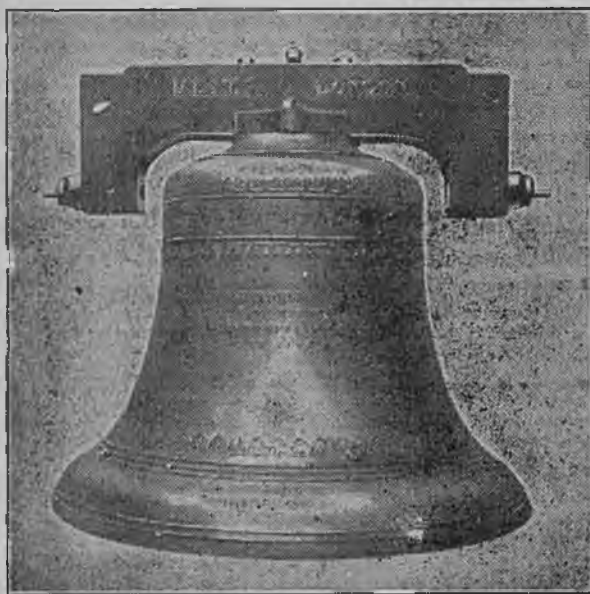
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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

To-day we reach our 900th number. How many people 900 weeks ago thought that this would happen!

Bristol, with 26 peals of bells already, is now to have an additional light peal of eight at St. Ambrose. The bells are being installed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and are to be dedicated on July 14th.

The Misses Katharine and Grace Burchall, of the Lincoln Guild, have the unique distinction of being the only twin sisters to ring peals together. They celebrated their birthday last Saturday with a peal in seven Minor methods at Branston, Lincs.

The first peal by the Midland Counties Association was Grandsire Triples, rung at Derby on June 23rd, 1882.

The back ten bells at Taunton were opened on June 25th, 1885. A 'peal' of Caters was rung upon them, but was afterwards disclaimed. Sam Thomas, of Sheffield, died on June 24th, 1924.

The repairs to the tower of Loughborough Parish Church, after the damage done some time ago by a storm, are now almost complete, but before ringing is possible the bearings of the bells have got to come out for cleaning.

Ringings at Long Stanton, Cambs, will be suspended for a time while the steeple is being restored.

## WORCESTER CATHEDRAL BELLS.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—May I ask any members of the Worcestershire and Districts Association or ringing friends who may wish to subscribe to the above fund, kindly to send to me on or before June 30th, on which date the fund will be closed?

A. E. PARSONS,

Hon. Treasurer.

Upwey, Barrs Road,  
Old Hill, Staffs.

## AUGMENTATION AT GREAT GADDESSEN.

As a memorial to the late Sir Frederick Halsey, Bart., and his wife, the family have placed a treble bell in the church of the village of Great Gaddesden, Herts, where for many generations the Squire of Gaddesden has, with his family and friends, regularly worshipped.

The bell, supplied by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, weighs 4½ cwt., and has inscribed round the crown: 'M.I.H., Hæc Vox Mea Honora Patrem et Matrem. T.F.H. MCMXXVII. (M. and S., London).'

In addition, they have also borne the cost of rehangings the old five bells in ball bearings.

The following inscriptions are to be found on the old five:—

Tenor: 'Chandler made me. 1723.'

5th: 'Chandler made me. 1662.'

4th: 'Isaack Halsey, William Young, churchwardens, 1662.'

3rd: 'Chandler made me. 1662.'

2nd: 'Chandler made me. 1662.'

Chandler was a Hertfordshire bell founder.

The dedication on Friday, June 15th, was performed by the Rural Dean, Rev. R. H. Pope, in the presence of the Vicar (Rev. A. T. Hollis), the Revs. F. and G. Halsey, other members of the family and a large congregation of villagers and visitors. The congregation assembled to the tune of Bob Doubles rung by the local band assisted by the district secretary (Mr. W. Ayre).

After the dedication and prayers, an address was given by the Rural Dean, who spoke in eulogistic terms of the late baronet and his wife. Then was sung hymn 296, followed by prayers and the Blessing.

The new bell was then raised and tolled for two minutes. After this, rounds and call changes were rung by: W. Ayre 1, F. Rance 2, Reg. Russell 3, G. Mortimer 4, E. Upton 5, L. Chennells 6, all belonging to the local band except the treble ringer. The first method on the six was Kent Treble Bob, a 720 being rung: H. Golding 1, A. A. Hughes 2, A. V. Good 3, H. Gates 4, W. Ayre (conductor) 5, Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake 6. With help, the local ringers then rang 120's of Bob Doubles, after which a 720 of Oxford Bob was rung: J. Stopp 1, H. Golding 2, J. Floyd, sen. 3, J. W. Shepherd 4, H. Gates 5, W. Ayre (conductor) 6. More Bob Doubles concluded the ringing.

The bell founders were represented by Mr. A. A. Hughes, and are to be credited with having made a very good splice, while the 'go' of the whole peal is excellent.

This augmentation will make a very welcome addition to the Western District of the Herts Association, and with very little help the local band should soon make progress.

## TO BE OR NOT TO BE—WHAT IT IS !

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I should be obliged if Mr. Trollope would tell us whether or not St. Clement's Minor and Triples are the correct extensions of St. Simon's Doubles, and, if they are the correct extensions, will he tell us whether or not the committee he has the honour to represent are going to correct this instance of duplication of names or leave the job for a future committee? As to altering Primrose to King's Norton—well, I never heard anyone ridicule the name Primrose League, which is composed of good churchpeople.—Yours sincerely,

'THE WILY OLD BIRD.'



## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 378.)

## BELFRY ACOUSTICS.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, for the Towers and Belfries Committee, said they had not met as a committee, but individually the members had been pretty busy, at any rate he and Major Hesse had been. In his own Guild there had been much good work done, and all the leading bell founders and hangers had been engaged. He had one suggestion and one proposal to put before the Council. The suggestion was this, and he asked the Council to take it up for what it was worth. It was unsatisfactory when, after bells had been taken to a foundry, the founder reported for the first time that a bell was cracked. He did not blame the founder, because it was impossible to examine bells in a dark tower and be absolutely certain that a bell was cracked in the crown. When the bells were down and under a strong light, then the founder, with the local authorities, should make an examination and determine, then and there, whether a bell was cracked or not. He thought this would be very much more satisfactory to the authorities and to the bell founders alike. Secondly, his proposal was the outcome of another experience. They sometimes found when the bells had been put into perfect ringing order, and sounded very nicely outside, inside the ringing chamber it was exceedingly awkward for the ringers to hear properly because of the noise. Then there was also the question of the ventilation of towers, but he thought the first thing to consider was the acoustic conditions. He did not ask members to give their experiences as to what prevailed in their own towers, because no one tower a thing might be all right, but in another the same thing might be all wrong. He thought, however, that the Council, through the committee, might proceed to inquire into and report as to the best way of dealing with acoustic difficulties in the ringing room.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards seconded and welcomed the resolution in view of painful experience in many belfries.

Mr. E. M. Atkins asked if the committee would accept with that resolution a reference to deal with the acoustic conditions outside. The two things came together, and the committee should consider both aspects.

Mr. G. Williams supported the motion, and said he could endorse all that Mr. Jenkyn had said with regard to the difficulty of inspecting bells for cracks in the tower. It would be much more satisfactory if the inspection were carried out as Mr. Jenkyn had suggested, and have it made before the bells left the place.

Mr. E. A. Young said the Council had many copies in the library of that useful book, the 'Report upon the preservation of bells,' and he thought they would find a chapter dealing with the deadening of sound in the ringing chamber. He added that as a member of the Towers and Belfries Committee it was his privilege during the year to inspect a tower in the New Forest and advise as to its stability. The members of the committee were always pleased to give their advice where it was deemed to be helpful, and it would be to the advantage of the Exercise if their advice was sought more often than it was (hear, hear).

Major Hesse said he agreed that what was all right for one tower in regard to the regulation of sound, was all wrong for another, and they could not possibly lay down any rule. It was a case of trial and error. A lath and plaster ceiling would be successful in one tower, but not in another, but the thing was how were they to find out? Experiment would be costly.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said his idea was that the committee should compare their own experiences. In his own Guild there were certain towers where he had made inspections and knew the conditions. Other members of the committee made similar inspections, and they could compare notes. That was his idea; he did not see that that need cost money.

The president then put the motion that the committee inquire into and report as to the best way of dealing with acoustic difficulties both inside and outside towers.

The motion was carried.

Mr. J. Hunt said the most effective silencer he had found was to put 2lb. lead, that was lead weighing 2lb. per foot, over the floor under the bells. It was just as cheap as a lath and plaster ceiling, and was not liable to tumble down.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said it would be helpful to the committee to receive any such information as this.

## WELDING OF CRACKED BELLS.

Mr. E. M. Atkins asked if the committee were going into the question of the welding of mediæval bells. He thought it was a question for this committee to consider. He knew of a number of cases in which bells had been welded successfully. It was certainly possible to weld bells for chiming, but it was not so certain that they could be successfully welded for ringing.

Major Hesse said last year he saw a bell that had been welded, and it was quite sound as regards its tone, but the question was, Would it stand the strain for long? He had not heard the history of this bell since, but he had heard the history of others which had come to grief.

Mr. A. A. Hughes said he could hear out what had been said by Major Hesse. From his experience he could say that the tone of the bell referred to after welding was, as far as he could judge, exactly as it was before it was cracked. The bell had since been in use for roughly twelve months, and he believed it was still sound, but how

long it was going to stand up in ringing he could not say. He knew of another case where it took just over twelve months for a bell to become cracked again.

Major Hesse said he did not think they ought ever to advise people to have their bells welded until they had something much better to go on, and he undertook to consult a well-known firm of welders about the matter.

Mr. Hunt said there was a case near Taunton where a bell was cracked and a firm of welders were asked if they would guarantee it if it were welded, but they said they could not guarantee the bell to last. As a result that bell was now down in the church, and a new one had been got to replace it.

The Hon. Secretary said it was possible that the process might save to them bells that would otherwise be lost by recasting, but it must be remembered that a bell went on decreasing in strength as it was hammered. If they went on setting up stresses in the molecules beyond the elastic limit, the metal would not stand it, whether it was brazed or cast. They had to bear in mind that the cost of welding was probably only one-tenth of that for recasting, and he did hope, as a great lover of mediæval bells, many hundreds of which had been lost to them in the last half century, that if this process was practicable it should be utilised to save them from further loss.

The Rev. H. Drake said at St. Mary-le-Tower Church, Ipswich, the bell founder had reported that two of the bells were cracked. One was one of the newest, the other the oldest, almost a pre-Reformation bell. The Parochial Church Council called him in to advise them, and they adopted his advice that they should not try to weld the new bell. It was not worth it; it was ringable as it was, for the crack was not very perceptible. He suggested, however, that the old bell should be welded by a firm who welded another bell in his Guild eighteen months ago and made a great success of it, although that bell was not subjected to great stresses. What he suggested was that at St. Mary-le-Tower they should try and see whether welding the old bell seemed likely to be a success, and, if not, to keep the bell as a curiosity and get a new bell in its place. The estimate for welding the bell was £10, which was considerably less than the cost of recasting. He thought they ought to try and save their old bells, not merely as curiosities which could not be heard, but they ought to try and get them welded whether they used them or not.

A member raised the question as to whether the Council kept in touch with the Central Board of the Bishops' Advisory Committees, but this appeared to be a body unknown officially to the Council. Mr. A. A. Hughes said the body referred to was at South Kensington, and Mr. F. E. Eales was the secretary.

The Towers and Belfries Committee's report was accepted, and the Council then adjourned for lunch.

## THE YEAR'S NEW RECORDS.

On resuming in the afternoon, the Rev. A. T. Beeston presented the following report of the Records Committee:—

First peals of new methods and of progressive lengths in other methods rung from April last year to the end of March, 1928.

First peal of:—

Superlative Surprise Maximus, 5,230 changes, at Ipswich, by Suffolk Guild.

Spliced Bob Royal and Grandsire Caters, 5,039 changes, at Cambridge, by C.U. Guild.

Ipswich Surprise Major, 5,162 changes, at Newchurch, by Lancashire Association.

St. Blaise Surprise Major, 5,024 changes, at Guildford, by Winchester Diocesan Guild.

Spliced London, Superlative Cambridge and Bristol, 5,408 changes, at Warnham, by Sussex County Association.

Kent Treble Bob Royal (Cam variation), 5,040 changes, at Leeds, Kent, by Kent County Association.

Pershore Bob Major, 5,056 changes, at Pershore, by Worcester and Districts Association.

Londonderry Surprise Major, 5,056 changes, at London, by Middlesex County Association.

Spliced Bob Major and Stedman Triples, 5,055 changes, at Northfleet, by Kent County Association.

Lincolnshire Surprise Major, 5,056 changes, at Nuneaton, by Warwickshire Guild.

Kent Treble Bob Major. Liversedge variation, 5,280 changes, at Liversedge, by Yorkshire Association.

Little Canterbury Pleasure Major, 5,008 changes, at Loughborough, by Midland Counties Association.

Spliced Bob and Mixed Treble Bob Major, 5,008 changes, at Dartford, by Kent County Association.

Progressive lengths include:—

17,824 Oxford Treble Bob Major, at Heptonstall, by the Lancashire Association.

5,104 Little Bob Maximus, at Canterbury, by the Kent County Association.

9,600 Kent Treble Bob Major, Worcester variation, at Loughborough, by the Midland Counties Association.

5,120 Spliced Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major, at Loughborough, by the Midland Counties Association.

A 'minority report' had been added by the Rev. H. Law James that 'The Superlative Maximus is only a variation of the original extension.'

The report was adopted.

## LEGAL COMMITTEE.

The next report was that described as the 'Legal Liability' Committee's report, but Mr. F. A. Milne, who acted as spokesman, said he could not quite understand how it got that title. The Council would remember that at the last meeting Alderman Pritchett, Mr. Elwell and himself were appointed to draw up a report on the legal relationship between bells, ringers and ringing on the one hand, and the incumbent, churchwardens, and Parochial Church Councils on the other. During the past year he had done a little, Mr. Elwell had done a little, and Alderman Pritchett had now got their two little bits, and by that time next year he hoped they would be able to present a report. He, therefore, had to report progress for the time being. The report was accepted.

## A BROADCAST TALK ON RINGING.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards reported for the Broadcasting Committee. He said in consequence of a letter from Mr. Young he met him and Mr. Matthews, representing the committee, in London, and after they had discussed the matter Mr. Young put him in touch with the B.B.C. He went to Savoy Hill and had an interview with the announcer, went through a little test and received a little fatherly advice, the main purpose of which was that he should maintain a conversational tone in the 'talk,' because they wanted above all things to avoid the 'clerical voice.' One thing occurred to him as essential, and that was that the talk should be given at a time of year when people would be listening, and not in the summer when they had other attractions. They wanted to get to the dark evenings before anything of the kind was likely to prove acceptable, and towards Christmas the subject of bells was a little more seasonable. Bearing in mind that an interesting gathering of ringers took place in London at that time he suggested to the announcer that the second week in November would perhaps be an appropriate time, and the matter was left at that for the present. They would have to have at least one rehearsal at Savoy Hill with the handbell illustrations, and they would want one thorough private rehearsal before going there, so that they would have to make careful preparations. In a talk such as this, one could only touch the outside fringe of the subject, and it would have to be of the most elementary nature in order that the general public could grasp it. Ringers who listened, therefore, would have to imagine that they knew nothing about the subject beforehand.

The Hon. Secretary said before they were able to get the B.B.C. to listen to them they had several meetings of the committee, and he wrote several letters to the Broadcasting Corporation. At first the B.B.C. tried to turn them down, but eventually they succeeded. They told him that Mr. Chalmers Bell was going to give a series of talks on this subject, but he replied that as far as the Exercise was concerned they had never heard of Mr. Chalmers Bell. It transpired that he was Vicar of Lower Peover, in Cheshire, and was an old ringer who belonged to the Oxford Guild, and formerly rang at St. Giles', Reading. He (Mr. Young) replied that they did not know this gentleman, and they felt that one of their own Council should be asked to give the talk in the way they wished it to be done.

Mr. T. H. Beams hoped the committee would try to get the B.B.C. to give enough time for those touches rung before broadcast services to be finished (hear, hear). They frequently had a touch cut off perhaps a dozen changes from the end.

Mr. R. Whittington said they got a full quarter of an hour of the horrible row of chiming from St. Martin's, but when they got a decent band to give the public some proper change ringing they did not get two minutes of it.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith said in Birmingham they had succeeded in educating the local station, and on the last few occasions they had been given the full time to bring the touch round. The same educational process should be tried at the other stations.

The report was accepted.

## PEAL DIPLOMAS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I am sorry Admiral Walter is heartbroken over the peal diploma vote. If he had been at Hereford and heard the different views expressed he would have realised the difficulty members had of judging what young ringers really want. Even the four members of our own Guild who were present were not united. One representative was not at all happy in voting for the motion, yet in nearly the next motion he persuaded the different Guilds, through the Central Council, to act as a sort of nurse to young ringers. Both motions, though good for the purpose intended, in my own opinion ought not to be necessary.

As to the first, I try to teach my friends to ring peals purely for the pleasure of ringing, and think they will agree I am just as happy after losing a peal as after ringing one.

With regard to the second, they ought to realise that ringers are real friends, and they ought to visit them as they would their other friends.

I may tell Admiral Walter that a motion had been sent to our general secretary before his letter appeared on the subject of peal diplomas in our own Guild. May I suggest to him that he applies to his district Ringing Master to arrange a peal for him, and then, when he has rung a peal, if he obtains the same enjoyment as I have had, he will have something better than a peal diploma to last him through life—that is, memories of happy friendship.

May I finish on a personal note. It is to advise friends to ring peals while they have the opportunity. It is only when we are stopped that we realise what we are missing and look forward longingly to resuming our happy meetings on Saturdays.—Yours,

A. H. PULLING

Guilford.

## A CORNISH VIEW.

Dear Sir,—I am sorry to see the young ringers of the Guildford Guild have been upset over the decision of the Central Council in regard to granting diplomas for first peals. Although the Guildford Diocesan Guild is a newly-formed one, it is by no means a 'young ringers' Guild.

If we in Cornwall do not want diplomas, surely no other ringers should be brokenhearted over the Council's decision. I venture to say it would break the hearts of old ringers, never mind young ones, if they came to Cornwall to live where one is surrounded by old round ringers who are in our Guild, and money prize ringers, who will not come into the Guild.

It is true we grant certificates and medals to ringers to encourage them to take up change ringing, but it has had no effect on the 'stoney ones.'

As young ringers we have to thank the older ones for bringing the Exercise to what it is to-day, and we have only to keep it going. Surely, we do not want to be spoon fed.

I should like to point out to the young ringer of Guildford that I noticed those who voted in favour of granting diplomas were mostly the good old ringers, so that it was unfair to say they were against any change. I can write as a young ringer, as I have only rung peals in one method, and I appreciate all that has been done to help young ringers, but let us follow in the paths of the good old ringers, some of whom have passed out of this world, and do our ringing for the love of it, always remembering that our first duty is to see that the bells we love so much are rung regularly for divine service.—Yours faithfully,

W. H. SOUTHEARD.

## DOUBLE SURPRISE MINOR.

## TWELVE TRUE METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—From the remarks made at the Central Council meeting, it appears there is a complete misunderstanding about these methods.

The first to be published, which will give the extent, appeared on page 131 of the 'Bell News' dated May 20th, 1905, under the name of 'Thomsett Surprise,' two years before the issue of 'Legitimate Methods.' It is as follows:—

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Some time after the publication of 'Legitimate Methods,' an article appeared (I think in the 'Bell News'), pointing out that the statement contained therein regarding Double Methods was wrong, and giving examples. In effect it showed that if more than two blows in one place is to be avoided, and truth secured, the places within the six bracketed rows cannot be altered. This, of course, confines the variations of the placemaking to A, B, C and D—a very narrow range. In spite of this there are twelve methods which will give the extent of the changes. Five of these have the Bob Minor lead-ends, and no objection whatever can be made to the ringing of them, for while fifth's place when the treble is not behind may be undesirable, it is perfectly regular. Personally, I think the Methods Committee are right in excluding Single Methods with this feature, but Double Methods are not possible without it.

For this reason, and because they are interesting enough to be placed on record, I think a Collection of Minor Methods will be incomplete without the five 'Legitimate' Double Methods.—Yours sincerely,

JOSEPH W. PARKER.

## A 'RIDICULOUS OBJECTION.'

Dear Sir,—In the report of the C.C. in your last issue the Rev. H. Law James is reported to have stated that only three Double Minor Surprise methods would produce a true extent. May I inform him and any others concerned that five with regular lead-heads, and at least six with irregular lead-heads, can be produced and will give a true extent.

In the preface of the C.C. 'Collection of Methods' objection is taken to this class of methods because they bring up the tenors the wrong way, but why this should be so seems to me ridiculous, as at least thirteen methods in the collection do exactly the same thing, and to as great an extent, all the methods from No. 1 to No. 11 in the Surprise class, and No. 1 and 2 in the Fourth's Place Delights, being culprits.—Yours faithfully,

C. SEVERN.

Killamarsh.

## TWELVE METHODS RUNG AT NORTON.

Recently, for both Sunday service ringing and practice, at St. Bartholomew's Church, Norton, Staffs. twelve Double Surprise Minor methods have been rung, viz., 720 each of Converted London, Milton, Stafford, Longton Stoke, Dublin, Uttoxeter, Brownedge, Cheadle, Kingsley, Audley and Hanley. The following took part: H. Wibberley, J. Mountford, O. Williams, J. E. Wheeldon, J. Walley, W. C. Lawrence, G. E. Lawrence, F. Triner, C. S. Ryles, W. Corfield and J. W. Walker.

### THE LATE MR. FREDERICK PITSTOW.

#### FUNERAL AT SAFFRON WALDEN.

The funeral of Mr. Frederick Pitstow, who was for fifty years the conductor, and for the last twenty years Master, of the Saffron Walden company, took place on Saturday, there being a representative gathering of townspeople and ringers to pay a last tribute of respect. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Dr. L. Hughes), and the interment took place in the cemetery. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by G. R. Pye 1-2, W. J. Nevard 3-4, W. Pye 5-6, F. Denci 7-8. The other ringers present included Messrs. York (Green, T. R. Dennis, and John Taylor (Cambridge), Walter Prior and Wm. Prior (Stansted), J. Waghorn (Tottenham), E. Pitstow (brother of deceased), A. E. Pitstow and F. J. Pitstow (sons), A. F. James (brother-in-law), W. Parish, C. Freeman, R. A. Strong, G. H. Sparrow, H. Sketchley, A. L. Simmonds, and Police-inspector Ridgewell (members of the Saffron Walden Company).



THE LATE MR. F. PITSTOW.

There were many floral tributes, including wreaths from the Essex Association, the Saffron Walden Society, and the Saffron Walden Borough band.

In the evening a muffled peal of Stedman Triples was rung on the bells of the Parish Church.

We referred last week to Mr. Pitstow's ringing career, which began in 1867, when, with his brother Nathan, he was elected a member of the Saffron Walden Society.

Outside the Exercise Mr. Pitstow was a man of versatile attainments and interests. As a musician, Mr. Pitstow had outstanding qualities. He could play every kind of instrument, and was a first-class tutor. For some years he was musical-director to the Saffron Walden Musical Society, and conducted the society in many leading oratorios. He was also music master of the Leys School, Cambridge. He took part in the Royal Choral Society's Handel festivals, also the annual festivals at Ely and Norwich Cathedrals, being the possessor of a fine bass voice.

Mr. Pitstow's musical interests also had to do with the conductorship of bands. He was an original member of the 17th Essex Volunteer Band and eventually he formed the Saffron Walden Excelsior Band, being its bandmaster for many years. In 1900 he formed the Saffron Walden Town Band, which he conducted until the outbreak of the war.

His other activities were divided among the Volunteers—he was an excellent shot—the Saffron Bloom Lodge of Oddfellows, of which he was a Past Grand Master, the Fire Brigade, he being one of the first of the four members of the brigade to receive the Long Service Medal. Whilst a member of the Volunteers he secured the Lord Braybrooke Challenge Cup for shooting. In politics Mr. Pitstow was a staunch Conservative, and in his younger days he took an active share in election campaigns.

### AN APPRECIATION.

Through the death of Mr. Frederick Pitstow, of Saffron Walden, the Exercise loses one of its finest exponents. He belonged to one of the oldest and most respected families in the town, and could trace his ancestors back in the records of Saffron Walden for 300 years. He might well be termed the father of Surprise ringing in Essex, for Surprise methods on eight bells were rung at Walden years before anyone else thought about it. He had travelled to London, Burton and Bennington, and made himself proficient, and then set to work to graft it into his own band. Being well built, he presented a fine figure on a tenor box. He also possessed the rare gift of infusing keenness into those who rang with him by sheer force of example, and at his own tower this must have had a wonderful effect. I have visited a good many towers during my career, and I must say that I have never heard a local band strike better than they did at Walden. Many ringers had their first touches of Double Norwich and Surprise methods at Walden, including myself. I well remember asking him if he could fix me up for my first peal of Double Norwich. I expected he would offer some lame excuse, as several I had previously approached had done. That, however, was no game of our departed friend. He fixed me up, and the peal was rung within fourteen days. He believed in the old adage that what is worth doing is worth doing well, and nobody has done more to raise the standard of ringing than he has. He was a delightful companion, and the more one had of his company the more they wanted. I shall always cherish the happy hours I have spent in his company. May he rest in peace. W. PYE.

### YORKSHIREMEN'S JOINT GATHERING. SOCIETIES FRATERNISE AT ECCLESFIELD.

The annual joint meeting of the societies in the Southern area of the Yorkshire Association was favoured by a glorious day, and all the societies were well represented, upwards of 60 being present. Short touches were the order to enable all present to have a pull. The gathering was held at Ecclesfield on Saturday last, and a splendid tea was served in the Gatty Memorial Hall.

The business meeting was held immediately afterwards, Mr. G. Lewis presiding, supported by Mr. C. D. Potter (hon. secretary, Barnsley and District Association), Mr. H. Walker (hon. secretary, Doncaster and District), Mr. R. Harrison (hon. secretary, Sheffield and District), Mr. Halksworth (Ringing Master), Mr. P. J. Johnson (hon. secretary, Yorkshire Association), and Mr. E. Willey (late vice-president of the Southern Division, whom all were pleased to see looking very much better after his serious illness). Two new members, Messrs. D. Smith and A. Kelsall, of Pelkirk, were elected, and it was very gratifying to enrol them, as it brings another tower into affiliation with the Yorkshire Association.

On account of the association's annual dinner taking place in September it was decided to hold the next meeting on October 20th, Penistone being selected.

Mr. Potter, in proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the local company for the arrangements made, and to the ladies for the tea, referred to the cup competitions held in the Barnsley area a fortnight earlier, and said he had heard that an attempt was to be made next year to get the cup to Ecclesfield. He hoped that was correct, and that other companies would try and prevent them. The more that came the better they would like it.—Mr. Walker seconded the vote of thanks, which was carried by acclamation, and this brought the meeting to a close.

The members were then entertained to a short month organ recital, which was excellently given, and most heartily applauded. A course of Cinques followed on the new handbells belonging to the local company, who are to be congratulated on the possession of such a fine peal. The return to the village of the hospital parade was the next attraction, and deserves special mention, for a good many hours must have been spent in the preparation of such an excellent display. The evening concluded with an enjoyable social at the Bull Hotel.

### A £60 SHIELD CONTEST.

#### DEVON ASSOCIATION'S 'STRAIGHT PULL' COMPETITION.

Sixty-six changes 'straight pull,' with a time limit of 20 minutes, including rise and fall, constituted the test piece for the six-bell contest of the Devon Association at Southtawton on Saturday for the Ross Shield, a trophy valued at £60. It was the second part of the association's festival, and sixteen teams entered, Laphord winning the shield with 87 points, Kingsnympton being second with 92.

There was a service and luncheon, and a great deal of local interest was taken in the event.

Although the Devon Association is an organisation of church service ringers, it makes no attempt to introduce or encourage change ringing. 'Scientific' is taboo among them, but it must be admitted that what they do these bands do remarkably well.

**COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.**—At the Church of the Holy Trinity, on Wednesday, May 23rd, in 51 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,137 changes): T. E. Wase 1, J. L. Stanier 2, W. D. Wase 3, R. Evans 4, G. L. Hewitt 5, A. S. Bayley 6, W. Lago 7, J. Wm. Saunders 8, J. Garbett 9, B. L. Jones 10. Composed by John Carter and conducted by Wm. Saunders. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. A. C. Fox-Davies, barrister-author, and expert on heraldry, who was interred at Coalbrookdale Churchyard during the afternoon.



## THE RINGERS' DIRECTORY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The compilation of this directory, which is being undertaken by the Bristol United Ringing Guilds, is now well in hand. As we are very shortly going to press, may I appeal to all ringers who have not already done so to send in their names to our hon. secretary in order that the first edition may be as complete as possible? Details as to its scope and purpose have appeared in your journal, and an advertisement in your notice columns explains what is required.

The names will be arranged alphabetically, and will be duplicated on a county (or county borough) basis. This will add to the usefulness of the directory, and will certainly save general secretaries much trouble, and much correspondence on the part of ringers when arranging for any ringing on outings or during holidays.—Yours faithfully,

R. H. WHITFORD,

Chairman, Bristol United Ringing Guild.

## WHITSUN WANDERINGS.

The members of the High Wycombe belfry spent an enjoyable and interesting time on Whit Monday, the occasion of their annual outing. The party, numbering 26, left the 'Chair Metropolis' in a well-appointed motor coach. Rickmansworth Church was the first to be visited, the route taken being via Beaconsfield, Gerrard's Cross, etc., through some of the most gorgeous scenery it is possible to conceive. The trees and hedgerows, clad in the full burst of their glorious beauty, the leafy lanes, the soft breezes, and the sweet singing of the feathered choristers brought vividly to one's mind Keble's inspired words: 'There is a Book who runs may read . . . and read Thee everywhere.' By a happy coincidence a pretty wedding party were emerging from the 'dim religious light of the hallowed edifice' to the brilliant sunshine. 'Happy is the bride whom the sun shines on.' This added additional pleasure to the visit, and the ringers soon had the bells pealing out their cheerful message, giving joy to the happy pair as to ringers themselves. Cordial wishes for the continued success of the outing was expressed by the Vicar and one of his ringers, who were there to meet the party.

Watford Church was the next stopping place, but previous to ascending to the belfry an impromptu lunch was partaken of in as free and easy a manner as it would have been by a bevy of happy and irresponsible youngsters. In the belfry, Mr. Oakley and friends welcomed the visitors, and after various touches, a look round the church and its surroundings, especially the famous fig tree growing through a tomb, the order was given for 'Bushey, please.' True to time, the conveyance was outside this church, Mr. Maurice Hibbert and friends being there to meet them with the bells ready for action. They were soon set going, several good touches being rung. The church and village having been explored, the journey was continued to Bushey Heath.

Mr. W. J. Simons here gave them a hearty welcome, and the bells were kept going for three-quarters of an hour. The coach was then steered for Aldenham, the last church to be visited. Mr. W. Gilks and Mr. H. Jones cordially received the visitors at this place. In passing, let it be here recorded how very much the excursionists appreciated the kindness and good fellowship that had been met with at each stage of the journey. To each of the gentlemen concerned a simple but a real and hearty 'Thank you' is given. At Aldenham Mr. Jones had in readiness a first-class 'knife and fork' tea, served with daintiness and charm. This was a thoroughly enjoyable meal, in which everyone seemed to concentrate all their abilities, so that there should be no bad striking, trips, or false course-ends, and by the time 'That's all, stand,' was sounded, the tables presented a somewhat forlorn appearance. The meal over, a move was made to the church by some of the enthusiasts, while others were interested in a cricket match and other diversions. Some good ringing was indulged in and enjoyed. This village is a wonderfully old-world place, and its rural scenery greatly appealed to the visitors, so that it was with reluctance that they had to leave it. The homeward route was through Harrow, Uxbridge, Denham, etc., and after a couple of hours' run the party were 'back in England' in good time, all safe and sound, having spent a very happy time, and thankful they had been favoured with such magnificent weather.

G. T.

## WEDDING BELLS.

At Higham-on-the-Hill, Leicestershire, on Saturday, June 2nd, on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Walter Pullen and Miss Dorothy Ann Gilliver, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) was rung: S. A. Martin (first quarter) 1, A. E. Clayfield 2, L. Woodburn (first quarter) 3, Wm. Martin 4, H. V. Rowley 5, A. E. Rowley (conductor) 6.

At Overseal, Derbyshire, on Saturday, June 2nd, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Minor in honour of the wedding of Mr. Joseph W. Cotton and Miss Doris Parker (two members of the local band), who were married at this church earlier in the day. Unfortunately the peal had to be brought round half-way owing to the indisposition of one of the ringers after 1 hr. 25 mins., good ringing: P. W. Grice 1, W. Brooker 2, W. E. Clayfield 3, L. Woodburn (longest length) 4, H. V. Rowley 5, A. E. Rowley (conductor) 6.

At Old Bradwell on Saturday, May 26th, 720 Stedman Doubles: C. Alderman 1, W. French 2, J. E. Whitlock 3, T. C. Walters 4, A. Coley (conductor) 5, T. H. Bird 6. Rung as a compliment to Miss A. Whitlock, sister of the ringers of 3rd, who was married at this church.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.—On Sunday, June 17th, for evening service, a 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor on back six: Rev. H. B. Woolley 1, F. J. Cook 2, F. G. Gleaves 3, F. Warrington 4, G. E. Crisp 5, C. W. Cook 6.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, June 17th, for morning service at St. Leonard's, a quarter-peal of Bob Major in 46 mins.: H. Cooper 1, W. H. Hollier 2, W. A. Lewis 3, H. C. Chandler 4, C. I. Edwards 5, E. Gladman 6, H. Belcher 7, F. Blondell (conductor) 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE.—On Sunday, June 17th, for divine service, and as a mark of respect to the late Marquis of Lincolshire, 1,174 Stedman Cinques (with the bells half-muffled): F. Hayes 1, G. White 2, E. R. Coles 3, G. F. Hinton 4, J. W. Wilkins (conductor) 5, F. Boreham 6, D. Boreham 7, G. Twitchen 8, F. W. Boxell 9, C. A. Smith 10, S. T. Goodchild 11, A. E. Butler 12.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—At Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, on Sunday, June 17th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): H. Lewis 1, H. L. Cook (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 2, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 3, W. G. Cook 4, H. S. Parsons 5, H. C. Bond 6, W. H. Hayward 7, H. T. J. Roberts 8.—On a previous Sunday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. J. Lewis, jun. (age 14, first quarter-peal) 1, F. W. Bond 2, H. L. Cook 3, W. G. Cook 4, W. C. Cuss (conductor) 5, F. J. Lewis, sen., 6, H. C. Bond 7, F. Edwards 8.

## FIRST PEAL AT BRIDGERULE, DEVON.

At a ringing contest for a shield recently held near Exeter, it was reported that a severe blow had been struck in the camp of the scientific ringers, but had those who made the remark been at Bridgerule and heard the peal rung recently on the bells, they would have felt extremely sorry and uncomfortable, for they would have had to admit 'there's as good fish in the sea as ever have been caught.'

By way of helping a ringer to ring a peal in his native village, a band was got together, and with the ready help of the Vicar in permitting the use of the bells, the attempt was made, although from information 'received from our special correspondent' there appear to have been keen speculations as to the length of time the ringing would last—a quarter of an hour or twenty minutes at the outside being thought to be the longest possible. But somehow the changes still rolled on and on for hours together, sending forth their music to perfect striking from the band until the first peal became an accomplished fact.

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## NOTICES.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting (monthly) will be held on Saturday, June 30th, at Abson. Bells open from 3 p.m.; service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.0 p.m. Will members make a special effort to attend?—G. Way, Hon. Sec., 12, Seymour Road, Bishopston, Bristol.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Leigh, to-morrow, Saturday, June 23rd. Bells available 2 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.



## NOTICES.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 26th, and St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 28th; both at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The next meeting is to be held at Brabourne, by kind invitation of Rev. S. K. Lockyear, on Saturday, June 23rd. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5, to be followed by tea. A good attendance (all ringers welcome) is desired.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at North Ockenden (5 bells) on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea to follow. Nearest railway stations: Upminster, L.M.S.,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles, and South Ockenden, L.M.S.,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles. Buses leave Upminster 'Bell' 2 and 4 p.m., returning at 8.30 p.m.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath, Essex.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The summer meeting of the Cheltenham branch will be held at Elkstone on Saturday, June 23rd. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30, by kind invitation of the Rector and churchwardens. Business meeting to follow.—Walter Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Rd., Cheltenham.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—A bye-meeting will be held at East Farleigh on Saturday, June 23rd. The usual arrangements.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Eastern District will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, June 23rd. The 8 bells of St. Michael's, recently rehung, will be available after 3.—George S. Taylor, Sec.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells: St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) available from 3. Tea at Lloyd's Restaurant at 5.30; to fully paid members 1s., to others 1s. 6d. General meeting to follow. Subscriptions are now due.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Yateley on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service at 4. Tea 4.30. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcomed.—Rev. Evan Jones, Sec., 5, Church Square, Basingstoke.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next monthly practice has been arranged at Wooburn (8 bells) on Saturday, June 23rd, at 3.30 p.m. Guild service and tea.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bowden and Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Mobberley on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Milnrow on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, June 23rd. Tower open at 3.30. Tea will be arranged for at 1s. per head.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**NORFOLK GUILD.**—Wymondham District.—A district meeting will be held on Saturday, June 23rd, at Tibenham. Bells will be available at 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Arthur L. Coleman, Acting Dis. Sec.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Marlborough Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Chiseldon on Saturday, June 23rd.—Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., East Leaze, Baydon S.O., Wilts.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South Oxon and Mid Bucks Branch.—A meeting will be held at Dorchester, Oxon, on Saturday, June 23rd. Service in the Abbey Church at 3.30 p.m. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Tea after service at the Fleur-de-Lys. All ringers and friends welcome. Kindly notify as early as possible.—Rev. P. H. Bown, The Rectory, Great Haseley, near Wallingford.

**ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.**—On Sunday, June 24th, at evening service, 6.30, a new ring of 8 bells will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Leicester. A band of ringers have been invited to open the bells at this service. On the following Saturday, June 30th, the bells will be available by kind permission of the Vicar, Rev. H. V. Hibbert, from 3.30. All ringers welcome.—Clarence Jesson, Enderby.

**SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY** (Established 1623).—The 305th anniversary of 'Great Ringing Day' will be held on Wednesday, June 27th. Bells (12) available from 9 a.m.—Leonard E. Pitstow, Hon. Sec.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A practice meeting will be held at Hadley on Wednesday, June 27th. Bells from 7 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Eagle (5) Saturday, June 30th. Tower open 2 p.m. Bus leaves Lincoln (St. Mark's) 1.15 and 3 p.m.; returns to Lincoln 6.30 and 9 p.m.—Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, District Secretary, 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—The annual meeting for the election of officers will be held at Desborough on Saturday, June 30th. Bells (8) ready 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Will members kindly make a special effort to attend? Visitors welcome. Please notify me by Tuesday previous those requiring tea.—H. Baxter, Branch Secretary, Silver Street, Broughton, Kettering.

**ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at New Romney on Saturday, June 30th. Bells at 2.30. Tea will be arranged. All ringers welcome.—C. W. Everett, Hon. Sec., 48, Sussex Avenue, Ashford.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The next general quarterly meeting will be held at Melbourne on Saturday, June 30th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Committee meet at 4 p.m. in Church Room. Meat tea at 5 p.m., at the Blue Bell Inn (2s. 3d. each to those who notify Mr. W. Earle, Blanch Croft, Melbourne, Derby, not later than 27th inst.). A good attendance requested.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.** — The next meeting will be held at Rothwell on Saturday, June 30th. Bells available at 3 p.m. — H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

**LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.** — The 117th Ringing Anniversary will be held on Saturday, June 30th. Bells ready 2 p.m. All ringers welcome. — A. Symonds.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Northampton Branch. — The branch annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Saturday, June 30th. Bells of St. Peter's and St. Sepulchre's from 2.30 during the afternoon. Service at St. Peter's at 4.15, followed by tea at 1s. per head, and business meeting in St. Peter's Church Rooms at 5 p.m. All who require tea please notify me not later than Thursday, June 28th. — T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — The summer festival will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, June 30th. The bells (8) will be ready at 2.30.; service at 5; tea 5.30. — Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street, N. Dunstable.

**EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD.** — A ringing meeting will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, June 30th. Tower open 2.30. Will those who require tea let me know by Wednesday, June 27th? — George Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Summer festival at Epsom, Saturday, June 30th. Bells available from 2 p.m.: Epsom, St. Martin's (10), Christ Church (8), Leatherhead (10), Ashted (8), Ewell (8). Service, St. Martin's, Epsom, 5 p.m. Preacher, the Bishop of Guildford. Meat tea (1s. 9d. each) 6 p.m. Ringers and friends welcome. Numbers by June 26th. — J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., 63, Commercial Road, Woking.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Eastern Division. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Heatfield on Saturday, June 30th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Star Inn 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). Half rail fare to members. — G. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.** — A district meeting will be held on Saturday, June 30th, at Sproughton (6). Bells at Bramford (6) also available. Tea in Sproughton Parish Room at 4.45, 9d. each. All welcomed at this annual affair. R.S.V.P. — Geo. E. Symonds, 28, Chevallier Street, Ipswich.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.** — South-Eastern Division. — A meeting will be held at High Easter (6) and Good Easter (15) jointly, on Saturday, June 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Will all members requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, June 27th, at latest. It is hoped there will be a good attendance. — R. C. Clark, Dis. Sec., 8, Hill Road, Chelmsford.

**LADIES' GUILD.** — Northern District. — The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Upper Armley, Leeds, on Saturday, June 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea in the Church Hall at 5 p.m., 1s. 6d. per head, to all who notify Miss E. Lawrence, 53, Armley Ridge Road, Leeds, by Tuesday, June 26th. Tickets for tea can be obtained at the hall between 3 and 5 p.m. — Hilda F. Jacques, Hon. Dis. Sec., Northfield Avenue, Mansfield-Woodhouse, Notts.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** (St. Albans District) and the **MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD** (North & East District). — A joint meeting will be

held at North Mimms on Saturday, July 7th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m.; short service at 5 p.m. with an address by the Rev. C. G. Ward. Tea afterwards in the Scout House at 1/- per head. Two bus services run from St. Albans near the church; one bus leaves Hatfield at 3 p.m.; Enfield to St. Albans route, nearest point new arterial road; train leaves Finsbury Park 2.17, arrives Brookman's Park 2.50, next arrival 4.11, cheap return fare 1s. 6d. To facilitate tea arrangements, a postcard to either of the undersigned by Wednesday, 4th, please. A visit to this old church with its rural surroundings is worth while. — W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield, and C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, Highams Park, E.4.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — Loughborough District. — The next meeting will be held at Shepshed St. Botolph's on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (8) ready from 3 o'clock. All ringers will be welcome. — D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD.** — The annual general meeting will be held at Derby on Saturday, July 7th. Ringing at the Cathedral (10) at 2 p.m.; short service at 4; tea at 4.15 in the Church Schoolroom, St. Mary's Gate (1/6 per head), followed by meeting. St. Andrew's (10) and St. Alkmund's (8) will be available for ringing in the evening. Will all who wish for tea kindly notify Mrs. L. W. Jacques, Northfield Avenue, Mansfield-Woodhouse, Notts, before Thursday, July 5th. All ringers welcome. — Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION** will hold their annual meeting, and an eight bell contest at Liversedge, on Saturday, July 7th. Draw to take place in School at 2.45 p.m. All who require tea may have same at 1/6 each, by sending word not later than July 2nd, to L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.** — The annual general meeting will be held at 75, High Street, Winchester (near Westgate) on Saturday, July 7th. Committee meeting, 1 p.m.; general meeting, 2 p.m.; tea, 4 p.m. Service in Cathedral at 5.15 p.m.; preacher, the Bishop of Southampton. Bells available: Cathedral (12), Hursley (8), St. Maurice's (6), Micheldever (6). Parties wishing to ring during the morning should write Mr. G. Williams, West End, Southampton, by July 2nd, who will make arrangements. Those requiring tea must notify me prior to July 4th. — G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Eastleigh.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.** — South and West District. — A meeting will be held at Harlington on Saturday, July 7th. 6 bell ringing from 3 p.m. Tea arranged as usual. Train to Hounslow (East), bus to Harlington Corner or train to Hayes (G.W.R.). Harmondsworth, evening. All ringers and friends welcome. — Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.** — North-Eastern Division, Ardleigh. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ardleigh, Saturday, July 7th. There will be ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 and tea at 5.15 in Neuth Hall (kindly provided by our honorary member, Mr. Neuth). Will all wishing to attend please let me know not later than Tuesday, July 3rd. — R. W. Stannard, 12, Ireton Road, Colchester, Hon. Sec.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.** — Saxmundham District. — A meeting will be held at Leiston on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (8) at St. Margaret's ready at 3 p.m. Tea will be

provided free of charge in Junior Council Schools about 5.30 p.m. All ringers are welcome.—Geo. Willson, 41, Valley Road, Leiston, Suffolk.

**BRISTOL (E.).**—St. Ambrose Church Bells.—The new peal of eight bells (tenor 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ ), by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Bristol on Saturday, July 14th. Service at 3 p.m. Tea, 1/- per head, at 4.15 p.m. in the Hall. Bells open to all ringers after tea. Will all those who intend to be present and require tea kindly let the Vicar know by July 11th: Rev. F. G. Walmsley, St. Ambrose Vicarage, St. George, Bristol, E.—Edgar Guise.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan and Liverpool Branches.—A joint meeting of the two branches will be held at Rainford on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m.; service at 4.30 p.m.; tea and meeting to follow. Tea will be provided at 1s. each to those who notify Mr. J. W. Hall, 99, Bank Villas, Rainford, not later than Thursday, July 12th. All ringing friends welcome.—James Wm. Grounds, 8, School Lane, Standish, and Claude I. Davies, Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree, Secretaries.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—The summer meeting will be held at Margate on Saturday, July 21st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service. Will all those requiring tea at this meeting please notify Mr. A. H. Saxby, 35, King Street, Margate, not later than Thursday, July 19th?—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Littlebourne.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—Please note the monthly meeting arranged for June 30th at Great Longstone is postponed until July 28th, owing to quarterly meeting at Melbourne.—Charles Draper, Local Secretary.

**ST. MARY ABBOT'S GUILD, KENSINGTON.**—Practice nights, Mondays, 8-9.15 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. E. Judd.

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